



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 21, 2019

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 11

* PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 15 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

P: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;

L: who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**P: in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

L: who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

P: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

THE FIRST READING Genesis 18:1–10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

THE SECOND READING Luke 10: 38–42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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OFFERTORY HYMN 312

We Love Your Realm, O God

St. Thomas

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Rachael Gardner Purdy, *celebrant*

Anthony Brown, *preacher*

Dora Paolucci, *pianist*

Jenny Provenzano, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 28

Liturgist:

Communion Preparation and Refreshments: Alejandro Rodriguez