



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 22, 2018

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 11

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 89:20–29

L: I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him.

P: My hand will hold him fast, and my arm will make him strong.

L: No enemy shall deceive him nor any adversary bring him down.

P: My faithfulness and love shall be with him, and he shall be victorious through my Name.

L: I shall make his dominion extend from the Great Sea to the River.

P: He will say to me, ‘You are my Creator, my God, and the rock of my salvation.’

L: I will make him my firstborn and higher than the rulers of the earth.

P: I will keep my love for him for ever, and my covenant will stand firm for him.

L: I will establish his line for ever

P: and his throne as the days of heaven.”

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1–14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

THE SECOND READING

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

HOMILY

“We’ve Got a Job to Do!”

Rev. Gardner Purdy

MISSION INVITATION

Marty Worth

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OFFERTORY HYMN 4

Joyful, Joyful, we adore you

Hymn to Joy

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Rachael Gardner Purdy, *celebrant and preacher*

Marti Rideout, *pianist*

Nate and Donna Vogt, *liturgists*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 29

Liturgist: Alejandro Rodriguez

Communion Preparation & Refreshments: Mark & Melanie Brown