



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 5, 2018

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 13

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51:1–12

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

L: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**P: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

L: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

P: You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

L: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be pure.

P: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

L: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

L: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM FOR
CHARLOTTE GRACE TRAUTMAN

We welcome Charlotte, parents Angela & Jonathan and Senior Deacon Janet Newcity. Members and friends are invited to write a prayer and greeting to Charlotte on the baptismal cards. Please write her name at the top and today's date on the bottom of each card. Please place the cards in the offering plate at the time of the Offertory.

WELCOME

Leader: . . . But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them,

People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

ADDRESS

L: . . . the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of her growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

P: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATE

* CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

The congregation is invited to stand.

L: . . . Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as Charlotte lives and grows in Christ?

P: We promise our love, support, and care.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

L: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

P: I believe in God.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

P: I believe in Jesus Christ.

L: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

P: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

The congregation may be seated.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

L: Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

ACT OF BAPTISM

NAMING OF THE CHILD

L: Charlotte Grace Trautman, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Rise from the waters of baptism and give glory to God all the days of your life.

P: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

L: Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this newest member of the body of Christ.

P: Give to Charlotte strength for life's journey, courage in time of suffering, the joy of faith, the freedom of love and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." Nathan said to David, "Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die.

THE SECOND READING Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

THE THIRD READING John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

HOMILY

"Forward to Freedom"

Rev. Aeschbury

MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Corzine

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OFFERTORY HYMN 346

Bread of the world in mercy broken

Eucharistic Hymn

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. John Aeschbury, *preacher*

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *co-celebrant*

The Rev. Emily Corzine, *co-celebrant*

Scott Jones, *liturgist*

Nancy Livingston, *pianist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Liturgist:

Communion Preparation: PLEASE SIGN UP

Refreshments: PLEASE SIGN UP