



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 11, 2019

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 14

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 33:12–22 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: Happy is the nation that worships you, O Most High; happy the people you have chosen to be your own!

**P: You look down from heaven and behold all the people in the world.**

L: From where you sit enthroned you turn your gaze on all who dwell on the earth.

**P: You fashion all the hearts of them and understand all their works.**

L: There is no ruler that can be saved by a mighty army; the strong are not delivered by their great strength.

**P: The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; for all its strength it cannot save.**

L: But your eye, O God, is upon those who fear you, on those who wait upon your love,

**P: To pluck their lives from death and to feed them in time of famine.**

L: Our soul waits for you; you are our help and our shield.

**P: Indeed, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy Name we put our trust.**

L: Let your loving-kindness, O God, be upon us,

**P: as we have put our trust in you.**

THE FIRST READING                      Genesis 15:1–6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

THE SECOND READING      Luke 12:32–40

Jesus, said, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

HOMILY

“Resistance”

Mr. Brown

*Part three of the six-part sermon series, “400 Years of Africans in America.”*

MISSION INVITATION

Marty Worth

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OFFERTORY HYMN 369

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

Anthony Brown, *preacher*

Kevin Jones, *pianist*

Jenny Provenzano, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Liturgists: Nate and Donna Vogt

Communion Preparation/Refreshments: The Vogt Family