



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 18, 2019

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 15

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 82 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: God stands in the council of heaven and gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

**P: “How long will you judge unjustly and show favor to the wicked?”**

L: Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

**P: Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

L: They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

**P: Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

L: Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals and fall like any ruler.”

**P: Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

THE FIRST READING                      Jeremiah 23:23–29

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed, I have dreamed!” How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

THE SECOND READING      Luke 12:49–56

Jesus said, “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

HOMILY

“The Economics of Injustice”

Rev. Conley

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

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OFFERTORY HYMN 384

For the Faithful Who Have Answered

*Omni Die*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens

The Rev. Amanda Conley, *preacher*

Tom Stewart, *pianist*

Nate and Donna Vogt, *liturgists*

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Liturgist:

Communion Preparation:

Refreshments: