



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
SERVICE LEAFLET

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 19, 2018

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 15

\* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 111

L: Alleluia! I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

**P: Great are your deeds, O God; they are studied by all who delight in them.**

L: Your work is full of majesty and splendor, and your righteousness endures for ever.

**P: You make your marvelous works to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion.**

L: You give food to those who fear you; you are ever mindful of your covenant.

**P: You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the land of the nations.**

L: The words of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all your commandments are sure.

**P: They stand fast for ever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity.**

L: You sent redemption to your people; you commanded your covenant for ever;  
holy and awesome is your Name.

**P: The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom; those who act accordingly have a good understanding;  
God's praise endures for ever.**

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established. Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

THE SECOND READING            John 6:51–58

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

HOMILY

“What Would Jesus Do?”

Rev. Corzine

MISSION INVITATION

Today’s loose offering and designated checks go to **Columbus Mennonite Church** which is providing Sanctuary for Edith Espinal. On Oct. 2, 2017 Edith entered the church after she was ordered deported . Edith has three children and a husband and desires to keep her family together. Monies will pay for legal and living expenses. This is part of our ongoing support for Edith and Columbus Mennonite Church, which also includes an endowment grant in 2017, and monthly meals for her family. Please give generously.

OFFERTORY HYMN 473

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine

*Assurance*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *preacher*

Tom Stewart, *pianist*

Peter Murray, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Liturgist: Laurie Maynell

Communion Preparation: Deacons

Refreshments: PLEASE SIGN UP