



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE  
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**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 25, 2019

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 16

\* PSALM OF THE DAY                      Psalm 103:1–8 (*read responsively by verse*)

L: Bless the Holy One, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy Name.

**P: Bless the Holy One, O my soul, and forget not all the gifts of God.**

L: O God, you forgive all our sins, and you heal all our infirmities;

**P: You redeem our life from the grave and crown us with mercy and loving-kindness;**

L: You satisfy us with good things, and our youth is renewed like an eagle's.

**P: O God, you execute righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.**

L: You made your ways known to Moses and your works to the children of Israel.

**P: You are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.**

THE FIRST READING                      Isaiah 58:9b–14

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noon-day. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

THE SECOND READING      Luke 13:10–17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

HOMILY

“Women Rising”

Rev. Wormack-Keels

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

MISSION INVITATION

Rev. Corzine

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OFFERTORY HYMN 382

Come, We Who Love God’s Name

*Marching to Zion*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

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

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

The Rev. Dr. Renee Wormack-Keels, *preacher*

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston, *pianist*

David Nassau, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Liturgist: Please sign up

Communion Preparation: Sue Johnson

Refreshments: Sue Johnson