



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

August 26, 2018

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 16

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 84

L: How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

**P: The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young,
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts, my Ruler and my God.**

L: Happy are they who dwell in your house; they will always be praising you.

P: Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

L: Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,
For the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

P: They will climb from height to height; the God of gods will be revealed in Zion.

L: O God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

P: Behold our defender, O God, and look upon the face of your Anointed,

L: For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P: For God is both sun and shield and will give grace and glory.

L: No good thing will God withhold from those who walk with integrity.

P: O God of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-10

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant, who walks in darkness and has no light, yet trusts in the name of the LORD and relies upon his God?

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.’ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’

HOMILY

“Fulfilled in Your Hearing”

The Rev. Dr. J. Bennett Guess

MISSION INVITATION

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OFFERTORY HYMN 12

I sing the mighty power of God

Ellacombe

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. J. Bennett Guess *preacher*The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *co-celebrant*The Rev. Emily Corzine, *co-celebrant*Tom Stewart, *pianist*Laurie Maynell, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Liturgist:

Communion Preparation: Deacons

Refreshments: PLEASE SIGN UP

