



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proper 19

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 19

L: The heavens declare your glory, O God, and the firmament shows your handiwork.

P: One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

L: Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

P: Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world.

L: In the deep you have set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**P: It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

L: Your law, O God, is perfect and revives the soul; your testimony is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

P: Your statutes are just and rejoice the heart; your commandment is clear and gives light to the eyes.

L: The fear of you is clean and endures for ever; your judgments are true and righteous altogether.

**P: More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold; sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

L: By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

P: Who can tell how often one offends? Cleanse me from the secret faults.

L: Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be
whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**P: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O God,
my strength and my redeemer.**

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 1:20–33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools
hate knowledge?

Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

and because you have ignored all my counsel

and would have none of my reproof,

I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,

when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come
upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.

For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

THE SECOND READING

Mark 8:27–38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Messiah must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Messiah will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of God with the holy angels.”

HOMILY

“Living, Loving and Giving”

Rev. Corzine

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OFFERTORY HYMN 502

Dear God, embracing humankind

Rest

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, *celebrant*The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *preacher*Marti Rideout, *pianist*Jenifer Okezie-Watts, *liturgist*LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—Legacy Sunday (*Service in Sanctuary*)

Liturgist: Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

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Refreshments: Nicole Moss (*In the Parlor after worship*)