



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 4, 2018

All Saints' Sunday

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 24

L: The earth is God's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

P: For it is God who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

L: "Who can ascend the hill of the Most High, and who can stand in God's holy place?"

P: "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood nor sworn by what is a fraud.

L: They shall receive a blessing from the Holy One and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

P: Such is the generation of those who seek God, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

L: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors,
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

P: "Who is this who reigns in glory?" "The Holy One, strong and mighty, the Holy One, mighty in battle."

L: Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors,
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

P: "Who is this who reigns in glory?" "This is God, the God of hosts, who reigns in glory."

THE FIRST READING

Romans 13:8-12

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

THE SECOND READING

The Revelation to John 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

THE THIRD READING

John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

HOMILY

"Put on The Armor of Light"

Rev. Ahrens & Greg Kellison

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Corzine & Rev. Ahrens

A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

L: We give thanks to you, O God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past. For Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Samuel with Hannah his mother:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Isaiah and all the prophets:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Mary, the mother of our Lord:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Peter and Paul and all the apostles:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For Stephen, the first martyr:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: For all the martyrs and saints in every age and in every land:

P: We give you thanks, O God.

L: In your mercy, O God, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of many from the dead.

P: We give you thanks, O God.

THE NECROLOGY

Robert W. Fowler	September 12, 1951 - June 7, 2017
Donald R. Erickson	June 4, 1959 - November 2, 2017
Joyce MacDonald Campbell	July 8, 1927 - December 1, 2017
William Charles Johannes	May 28, 1945 - February 7, 2018
Donald R. Streibig	November 12, 1926 - April 26, 2018
Sarah Nell Cole	November 28, 1927 - May 31, 2018
Gary David Thomas	July 22, 1962 - September 2, 2018
Wallace Cameron Giffen	April 24, 1936 - September 3, 2018
Mary Alice Kuhn	December 18, 1931 - September 19, 2018

MISSION INVITATION

Cash and designated checks go to **B.R.E.A.D.** BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) is the organization through which our congregation works for social justice. BREAD has a 22 year history of improving the quality of life in central Ohio by researching serious community problems and gathering the power of people in nearly 40 congregations to press public officials to implement proven solutions to those problems. BREAD rises! Please give generously.

OFFERTORY HYMN 299

For all the saints

Sine Nomine

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

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

Marti Rideout, *pianist*

Nicole Moss, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Liturgist: Peter Murray

Communion Preparation: PLEASE SIGN UP

Refreshments: PLEASE SIGN UP