



MORNING PRAYER AND HOLY COMMUNION AT NINE
SERVICE LEAFLET

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 25, 2018

The Reign of Christ

* PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 132:1–12

L: O LORD, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured;

P: how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,

L: "I will not enter my house or get into my bed;

P: I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,

L: until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

P: We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.

L: "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool."

P: Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

L: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

P: For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

L: The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back:

"One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

**P: If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them,
their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."**

THE FIRST READING

2 Samuel 23:1–7

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

THE SECOND READING John 18:33–37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

HOMILY

“The Reason I Was Born Was to Testify to the Truth”

Rev. Ahrens

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WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, *celebrant*

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

Marti Rideout, *pianist*

Alejandro Rodriguez, *liturgist*

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 (First Sunday of Advent)

Liturgist: Jennifer Okezie-Watts

Communion Preparation: Rachael Gardner Purdy

Refreshments: Scott & Margaret Graham