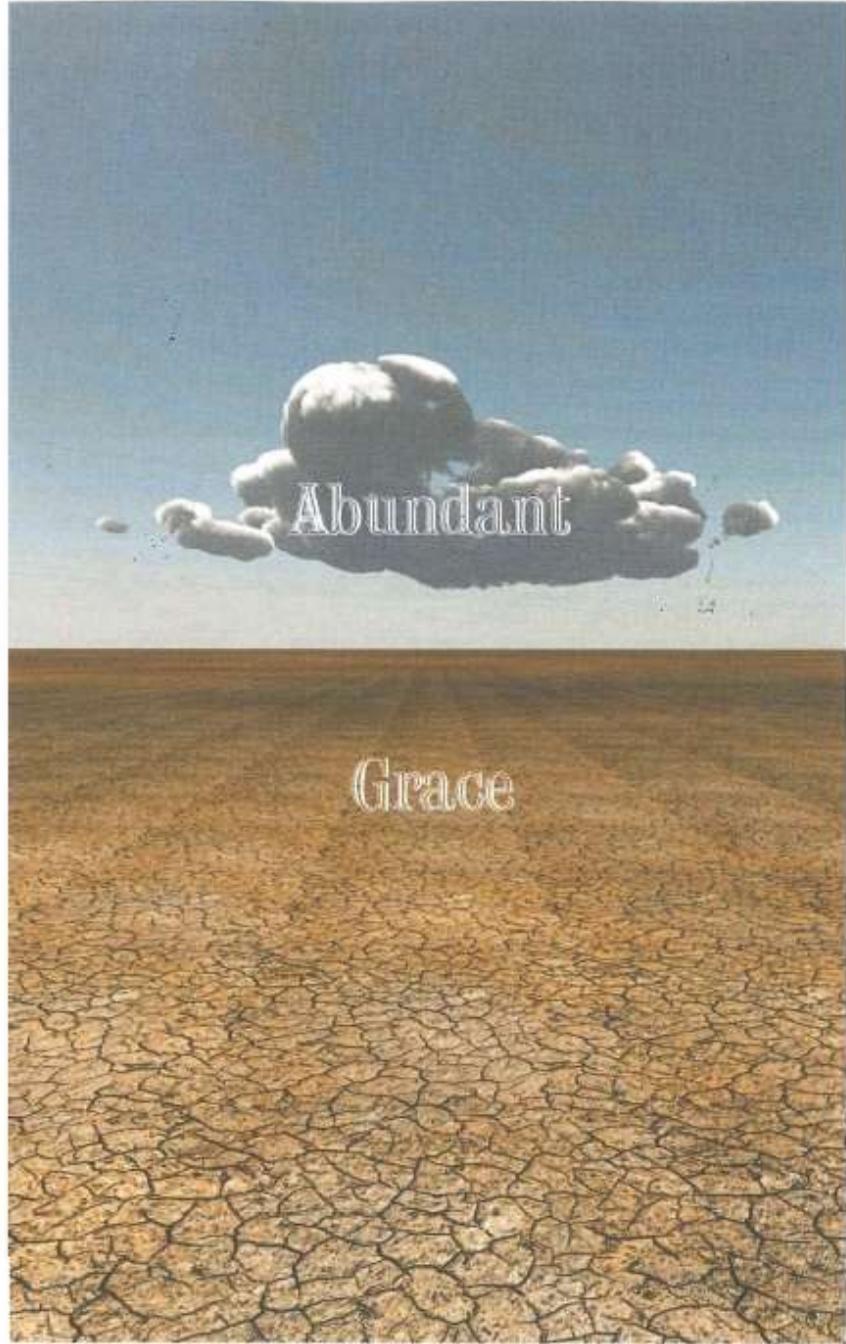




First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Manhattan, Kansas

*where God is still speaking.*



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 5, 2017, AT 10:45 A.M.

**Welcome!** If you are worshipping with us for the first time, we hope that you will find God's presence among us. Your presence with us enriches our vision of the Body of Christ, and we give thanks that you have joined us today. We hope you will sign the register pad when it is passed. Immediately following worship, refreshments are served at **Fellowship Hour** in Pioneer and Blachly Halls. Just exit the doors to the left of the pulpit and follow the crowd. Enjoy a cup of fair trade coffee. We look forward to greeting you there. If you have questions, please ask.

**If you have special needs**, please let one of the ushers know. Hearing assist devices, wheelchairs, and walkers are available. The elevator provides access to all three floors of the building. Restrooms are located on each floor. Our lower level has wheelchair accessible, all gender restrooms. A diaper changing table is in the Nursery upstairs.

**Children** are welcome in worship (and we know they may need to wiggle!). If you'd prefer, we do offer activities upstairs. Children ages 3 and under are welcome in the Nursery at any time. After the Word for Children, children 3 and up are invited to join us in the theater for Kids Worship - a worship service that mirrors our service in the Sanctuary. Please check out our website for information about Sunday School for children and adults at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays during the school year.

### ---- *Assisting in Today's Worship* ----

**Greeters:** Deane Lehman, *volunteer needed*

**Reading Scripture:** Leslie Bell

**Fellowship Hour:** Vitality & Outreach Committee

**Word for Children:** Pastor Caela

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Judy Willingham

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

Robert Edwards, organ

**CALLED IN GOD'S PRESENCE AT THE START OF LENT**

*(inspired by Joel 2:12)*

*One:* Turn away from the calls of worldly success

*Many:* **Repent, and turn back to God.**

*One:* Turn away from the desire to have what everyone else has

*Many:* **Repent, and turn back to God.**

*One:* Turn away from greed and the race for power

*Many:* **Repent, and turn back to God.**

*One:* As we enter Lent, may we turn back to God.

*Many:* **May we seek forgiveness, may we seek healing, may we seek wholeness. May our hearts be renewed in this time of worship.**

*The Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

✦ **HYMN 11** *(The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs)*

**"Bring Many Names"**

*Westchase*

✦ *Indicates all who are able, please stand.*

**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN ENGLISH AND ARABIC**

*From the collection "The Mighty Fortress" by Mahammah al-Jazri (9 December 1389, 20 Dhul Hijah 791)*

**EXCHANGING THE PEACE**

*One:* The peace of Christ be with you.

*Many:* **And also with you.**

*As a sign of our reconciliation, please greet those around you with words such as: "Peace be with you. / And also with you."*

**CENTERING MUSIC**

**"Stay with Me"**

Stay with me, remain here with me,  
watch and pray, watch and pray.

## LISTENING

*for our Still-speaking God*

### **WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Pastor Caela

*If your child is going to the Nursery or Kids' Worship for the first time today, please fill out a Child Information Card (located in the back of the pew) and deliver it to one of our staff members upstairs.*

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Leslie Bell

**Matthew 4:1-11** (*New Testament page 3 in the pew Bible*)

### **THE WORD IN MUSIC**

Chancel Choir

*"Create in me a Clean Heart"*

Jean Berger

### **SERMON**

*"Conversation with our Muslim Neighbors"*

Rev. Caela Simmons Wood

Syed Haroon bin Farrukh

Sajid Rahman

## RESPONDING

*in hope and thanksgiving*

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Prefer to make an electronic contribution? Visit the Giving Station located in the back of the Sanctuary to make a credit or debit card gift or set up recurring contributions from your bank account.*

### **MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY**

### DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heav'nly host:**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*You are invited to share your joy or concern aloud. If you would prefer to have Caela read your prayer aloud, please use one of the cards located at the back of the Sanctuary.*

*We respond: Merciful God....**hear our prayer.***

*Each week, we hold a few of our members in prayer, working our way through the entire membership over the course of a year. This week, we hold the following people in prayer: Angela Hubler, Jackson and Neil Dayton, Edith Doerry, Linda James.*

## PRAYER OF JESUS *(said in unison)*

*“Our Father” is the traditional way this prayer begins. For many, however, the traditional language is a hindrance to the intimacy of their relationship with God. You are invited to use whatever name for God you find most meaningful (Mother, Father, Creator, God, Friend, etc.). Together, our names for God will create a beautiful chorus reaching out to the Holy.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## **GOING FORTH**

*to be messengers of good news*

✦ **HYMN 211** *(The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs)*

**“Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days”**

*St. Flavian*

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

# ✦ CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL BENEDICTION

(Sung two times)

## "Let Us Live in the Light"

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Let Us Live in the Light". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Let us live in the light, let us love in the light, and let the Spir - it do its work in us." The piano accompaniment includes chord symbols above the notes: C, G/B, Am, Em, Em7, F, G9/F, C, C#dim7 in the first system, and Dm, Am/E, Dm7/F, F#dim, Gsus, G, Csus, C in the second system.

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### ***First Congregational UCC, Manhattan—an Open and Affirming Congregation***

In the spirit of love, openness, and inclusiveness we welcome persons of every race, culture, nationality, age, family configuration, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, and socio-economic status to participate fully in all aspects of our church's life and ministry. —from *Open and Affirming Statement* adopted May 11, 2003

*The Mission of First Congregational United Church of Christ is*

- To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same.
- To challenge ourselves to grow spiritually through worship, education, nurture, reflection, discussion, fellowship, and outreach.
- To minister to others locally, nationally, and globally with the same fervor as we minister to ourselves, through the sharing of our talents, gifts, and resources.

*We hold ourselves accountable before God for this mission statement.*

## **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### ***THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 5 – WORSHIP WITH OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS***

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages
- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour  
Confirmation Class, Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study, Andover Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping

### ***MONDAY, MARCH 6***

- 12:00 p.m. Leadership Lunch @K-State
- 4:30 p.m. Ministers of Care
- 5:15 p.m. Yoga, Andover Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Timeless A Cappella, Andover Hall
- 7:30 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Art Room

### ***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8***

- 6:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education meeting, Blachly Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Vitality & Outreach meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Turning Point AA meeting, Andover Hall

### ***THURSDAY, MARCH 9***

- 7:00 p.m. Taizé Service, Pioneer Hall
- 8:00 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Art Room

### ***FRIDAY, MARCH 10***

- 7:30 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Art Room

### ***SATURDAY, MARCH 11***

- 9:00 a.m. Choose Your Adventure

### ***NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12***

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages
- 10:45 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament  
*Fill the Breadbasket*
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour  
Confirmation Class, Conference Room
- 1:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study, Andover Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping



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## Stand with Muslim Neighbors Week, March 6-12

Kansas Interfaith Action is encouraging congregations to participate in a week of solidarity and friendship with Muslims in their community and in our state. There are a number of suggested activities that individuals, small groups, and whole congregations can do and the Vitality committee is working with others in UCC and the community on plans. **Monday, March 13**, will be Stand with Muslim Neighbors Advocacy Day at the state capitol.

## Adult Sunday School – March 12 through April 2 (five weeks) at 9:30 a.m.

Join us for our Lenten Study of Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People by Nadia Bolz-Weber. Craig Weston will lead us in an exploration of this New York Times bestselling author's newest book, where she invites readers to accompany her on what she calls her "religious but not-so-spiritual" life. From the publisher: "Tattooed, angry, and profane, this former standup comic turned pastor stubbornly, sometimes hilariously, resists the God she feels called to serve. But God keeps showing up in the least likely of people – a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious Bishop, and a gun-toting member of the NRA." If you'd like the church office to order you a copy of the book, please let us know by Monday, March 6.

**\$hop \$mart Grocery Gift Cards** – It's the easy way to make a donation to the Church. Purchase your HyVee gift card after worship to use when you buy groceries. Buy them at face value, spend them like cash, and the church receives a donation.



**Library Revitalization - Part Two** – As we continue to revitalize our church library we are now in phase two or three: giving books away. We appreciate the help you've given us so far as we ensure the books remaining are relevant and in good condition. Before we take the "give away" pile to the Public Library and Dusty Bookshelf, we invite members and friends to take a peek and see if there are any you might like to take home and add to your collection. You may take any of the books marked "give away" any time before March 15th.

## **“Choose Your Own Adventure” - Lengthen Your Faith This Lent**

Lent comes from the word "lengthen." As the days get longer, God invites us to stretch, lengthen, grow as we send our roots down deep into the soil of our faith. Do you find it difficult to pray? Are you clueless when it comes to reading the Bible? Would you like to be more grounded...but don't know where to start? Join us and "choose your own adventure" this Lent.

Caela will be using the document "Spiritual Practices that Sustain" as a jumping off point for a conversation on how to find a sense of peace and connect with a solid center in the midst of a rapidly-changing world. You can find her on Saturday, Mar. 11 at 9:00am here at the church (continental breakfast provided, contact [children@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:children@uccmanhattan.org) if you need childcare).

## **Conversation on Race and Reconciliation: A Faith-based Dialogue**

*Deepening Understanding. Developing New Perspectives. Discussing Community Initiatives.*  
Thursday, March 30 at 7:00 - 8:30 PM • Manhattan Public Library Auditorium

Panelists will be representatives from First Congregational UCC, Bethel AME Church, Manhattan Jewish Congregation, Islamic Center of Manhattan, and Seven Dolores Catholic Church. Sponsors: Martin Luther King Memorial Committee, Bethel AME Church & First Congregational UCC

**Social Justice Write-In** – On Tuesday, March 14, from 7 – 8:30, the Vitality & Outreach Committee invites members and friends to a Social Justice Write-In, a casual event for people to spend time together reading and writing or just sitting quietly in community. You might write to local policy makers, a neighbor, a close or estranged family member, or in your diary. We will provide coffee and tea, as well as writing materials and stamps. Feel free to bring your supper or snacks. Contact Rachel Gintner for information or suggestions.

**Volunteers Needed** – to help with worship, host fellowship hour, or serve at Second Helping. Sign up is easy! A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the kitchen, or go online to [Signupgenius.com](http://Signupgenius.com) and search for *fccvolunteers*. If you are interested in a specific volunteer opportunity but want more information, contact [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org).

**Picture Directory Arriving This Spring** – The Board of Deacons has been working with our staff and we are pleased to announce a picture directory will be arriving this Spring. Won't it be great to finally be able to put faces with names? Even better, our new directory will also have an online component that you'll be able to access from [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com) AND a free app for your smartphone or tablet. We hope to begin rolling out the online directory in March and new print copies should be available in early April.

You can help us prepare for this new directory in two important ways:

1) Please begin thinking of a photo of you/your family that you'd like to use in the directory. Once the online version is launched, you will have the opportunity to upload the photo. If you do not have access to a digital photo, Gina Davidson will be available immediately following worship on March 12th and March 19th to take a snapshot, which can be e-mailed to you or uploaded on your behalf.

2) Please check to see if the contact information we have on file is correct. If you wish to use the online directory or app, please ensure we have your correct e-mail address, as it will become your username. You can check our current records by viewing the sample directory hanging on the office door.

## **Ecumenical Community Lenten Lunches**

The Manhattan Ministerial Association Lenten Lunches and Services will begin at First Presbyterian on March 8th and continue for consecutive Wednesdays thru April 5. The lunches will begin at 11:45, followed by the service at 12:15, and will meet in Presby Place (the recreation center at First Presbyterian). The cost for each of the lunches is \$8.00. Please call the Presbyterian church office, 785-537-0518, to make a luncheon reservation by the Monday before each Wednesday program. The theme of the series is: "Faith Essentials." Each speaker will talk about the essentials and principles of his or her faith. Our own April Mason is the featured speaker on March 29th and a full list of all speakers is available on our website.

**Confirmation Class - Help Needed** – Three of our youth are gathering with Pastor Caela and Tai Amri on a regular basis for the next couple of months for confirmation class. We are so honored that our youth are ready to take this next step in their faith journey at First Congregational. Since the youth will be meeting immediately after worship for 90 minutes, we need some help with lunch for the group. If you are able to provide a simple vegetarian meal (think sandwiches or salads or soup or make-your-own-nachos...anything simple and easy!), please see the sign up sheet in the lobby or contact Tai Amri.

## Youth Calendar

March 5th	No Youth Group (Confirmation)
March 12th	No Youth Group (Confirmation)
March 19th	4-6:30 PM Miyazaki Movie Night: Castle In The Sky
March 26th	Spring Break



### **TAKE TIME FOR TAIZÉ**

Join us on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for Taizé Worship. Taizé is a 30 minute service of singing, scripture, prayer and silence based on the pattern of worship in use at the ecumenical community at Taizé, France.

## FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

March 5, 2017

Matthew 4:1-11

### Abundant Grace

Just as Jesus gets baptized and proclaimed the Son of God, just as you think he would be ready to get into his mission mode, he runs into a roadblock. The devil himself meets Jesus in the desert, and the whole of salvation is put to the test. What kind of Messiah is Jesus going to be? Whose plan will be in play? Gods? Or the Devil's? Will he be a superhero? Will he be a strong man in a cape trying to use his powers for good and ending up worshipping the Devil, or will he just be Jesus? Will he stay plain old Jesus, fully human and fully divine; living with us; tasting our food; sharing this human reality and dying on a cross for us? Well, we know the answer to that.

This remarkable Jesus breathed himself into our world and we haven't been the same. His way of being a Messiah has imprinted its quality of servanthood upon the church—how we think of ourselves as in service to the world not only as a healer and aid-giver, but in the way we lead. Our pastors are called to a collaborative and invitational leadership style.

Our Marks for Ministry ([ucc.org](http://ucc.org)) say this about our ordained and called clergy: that they have the ability to understand the nature, use, and misuse of power and authority, and to exercise them appropriately and effectively in authorized ministry, and to engage in community leadership that is collaborative and transformative.

Jesus could have done anything the Devil asked him to do. But simply fixing everything by being the "Christ" was and is not the way God wanted this salvation plan to work. So Jesus became a servant and died on a cross. We are given strength for the journey and hope when the way seems lost. And we are given a powerful advocate of joy because he was willing to not be our Messiah dictator/fixer in chief.



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