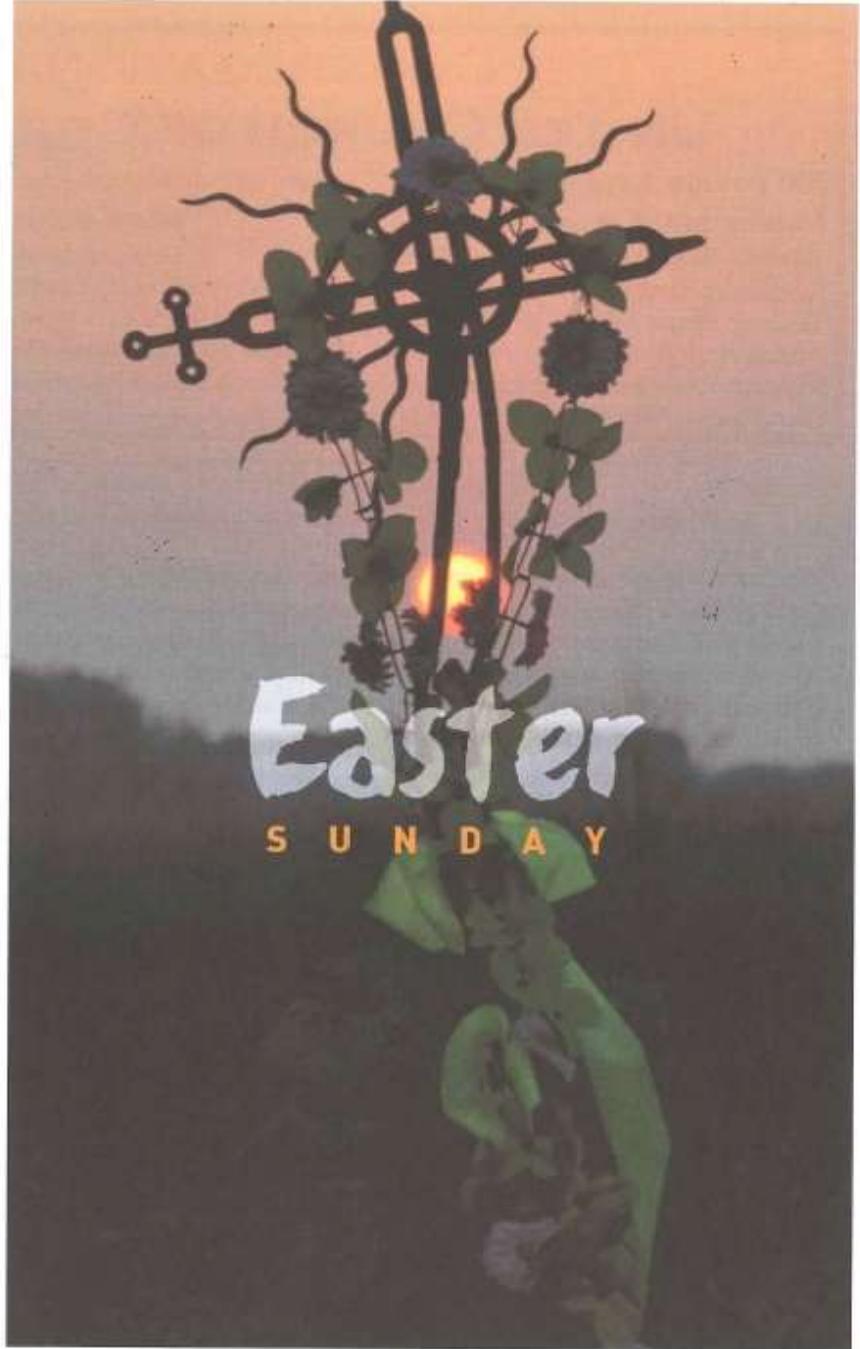




First Congregational United Church of Christ
Manhattan, Kansas

where God is still speaking.



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EASTER DAY—THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

APRIL 16, 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: Gayle Doll, Gina Davidson

Word for Children: Courtney Keith

Sanctuary Flowers: Easter Lilies

Reading Scripture: Rick Doll

Fellowship Hour: Egg Hunt

Grounds Care: Rachel Martin

EASTER WELCOME

(adapted from Ann Siddall, Stillpoint Spirituality Centre and Faith Community)

PRELUDE

“Sonata IV, Allegro con brio”

Mary Ellen Sutton, organ
Mendelssohn

CALLED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

One: Friends, the tomb is empty. The stone has been rolled away!

Many: **Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**

One: For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave. But God’s love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

Many: **Thanks be to God for new life that is found in the most unlikely of places!**

One: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Many: **Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?**

One: Christ is risen!

Many: **He is risen, indeed!**

One: Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Adapted from Stephen Fearing

✦ **HYMN 233** *(The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs)*

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Easter Hymn

During the opening hymn, you are invited to bring your flower to the front of the Sanctuary and place it on the cross. Please check with others around you to see if anyone with limited mobility would like to have you bring their flower forward.

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

THE BAPTISM OF RACHEL MOLLIE MARTIN

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.”

✦ ACT OF PRAISE

(all join in singing Hymn #85)

“I Woke Up This Morning”

I woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on Jesus,

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

LISTENING

for our Still-speaking God

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Courtney Keith

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

Rick Doll

Jeremiah 31:1-6 (*Old Testament page 695 in the pew Bible*)

Matthew 28:1-10 (*New Testament page 31 in the pew Bible*)

THE WORD IN MUSIC

Chancel Choir

“Crown Him the Lord of Life” *traditional for Henry T. Smart, arr. Lloyd Larson*

SERMON

“Things Fall Apart. The Center Holds.”

Rev. Caela Simmons Wood

RESPONDING

in hope and thanksgiving

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

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

"Hallelujah, Amen! from Judas Maccabaeus"

G.F. Handel

✦ 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.**

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

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: Susanne Gilmore; Tom Hawk, Cameron Hawk; Ann Gleason.

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 238** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs*)
"Now the Green Blade Rises"

Noël Nouvelet

INVITATION TO THE EGG HUNT AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

- ✦ **CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL BENEDICTION**

(*Sung two times*)

"Let Us Live in the Light"

Musical score for "Let Us Live in the Light" in 2/2 time. The score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 2/2. The lyrics are: "Let us live in the light, let us love in the light, and let the Spirit do its work in us." The score includes guitar chords: C, G/B, Am, Em, Em7, F, G9/F, C, C#dim7, Dm, Am/E, Dm7/F, F#dim, Gsus, G, Csus, and C.

DEPARTING MUSIC

"Easter Hymn"

John Ward

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THANK YOU TO THE EASTER BRASS ENSEMBLE

Trumpets: Craig Parker, Lucas Johnson; **French Horn:** Carol Sevin

Trombones: Paul Hunt, Julie Hunt, Brent Maner

Euphonium: Jim Lewis; **Tuba:** Anne Fredrickson

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 16 – EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Potluck Easter Breakfast
- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
- 12:00 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping

MONDAY, APRIL 17

- 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, APRIL 19

- 7:00 p.m. Cabinet meeting, Conference Room
Turning Point AA meeting, Andover Hall

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

- 5:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline
- 7:30 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Art Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

- 10:30 a.m. Pride Parade

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23 – COVENANT SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages
- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
- 1:00 p.m. Disciple Bible Study, Andover Hall
- 4:00 p.m. Celebration Concert
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping



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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 and search for *fccvolunteers*. If you are interested in a specific volunteer opportunity but want more information, contact office@uccmanhattan.org.

Ready to Become a Member? – On April 23rd, we will welcome a new group of members who desire to join with us in covenant as the people of First Congregational United Church of Christ. If you are interested in membership and haven't yet had a chance to sit down with Pastor Caela to talk about what membership means and have your questions answered, please contact her (pastor@uccmanhattan.org) to set up an appointment. You can also learn more and fill out a new member info form at www.uccmanhattan.org/become-a-member.

Bethel A.M.E./ First Congregational Celebration Concert

On Sunday, April 23rd at 4:00 p.m., the combined choirs of Bethel A.M.E. Church and First Congregational Church will give a celebration concert. We'll celebrate our friendship and faith in song, with our choirs singing together and individually, and there will be an opportunity for congregational singing as well. We will be joined by our wonderful organists and pastors, and a special guest appearance by our jazz ensemble. Food and fellowship will follow in Andover Hall. Bring your friends; this will be a very special occasion!



Can You Help with Desserts for 2nd Helping? – The 2nd Helping volunteer coordinators would like to put together a group of people who would be willing to provide desserts for 2nd Helping occasionally. Inviting a dessert-provider for a particular Sunday meal would then be part of the volunteer coordinator's job. There would no longer be a paper sign-up list for 2nd Helping desserts, although the electronic Sign-up Genius could still be used. This change will make it easier for both the meal planners/shoppers and the head cooks when they work to provide meals. Please let Ann Smit know if you are interested in being a part of a dessert-provider group.



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.

Take Back Our Lives – Partnership with K-State FIRE

We look forward to partnering with K-State FIRE (Feminist Igniting Resistance and Empowerment) for this event on Wednesday, April 25th at 7:00pm. The Vitality & Outreach Committee invites you to consider joining Pastor Caela at the event to host a table where we can visit with community members about our mission to "Love Unconditionally. Challenge Spiritually. Minister Fervently." Please contact Caela if you are able to help table.

The event will begin at Bosco Plaza and is modeled on the "Take Back the Night" events for women's empowerment and standing against violence against women. This year, FIRE has expanded the event to be more intersectional and will also focus on other lives and bodies that are marginalized as well. There will be refreshments, live music, and a chance to connect with other organizations.

Palestinian & Jewish Voices for Peace

April 19, 7:00-8:30 pm@ ECM

We are proud to be co-sponsoring this event featuring diverse perspectives on Israel-Palestine and prospects for peace in our new political climate.

The event features Jonathan Kuttab, a Palestinian Mennonite and human rights lawyer who serves on the Boards of Sabeel and Al Haq. Jonathan will speak on the vision of Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews to live free, dignified and whole lives in the Land belonging to both.

Kuttab will be joined by Laura Tillem, Jewish Voice for Peace and Peace and Social Justice Center of South Central Kansas. Jewish Voice for Peace, "opposes anti-Jewish, anti-Muslim, and anti-Arab bigotry and oppression". JVP seeks an end to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem; security and self-determination for Israelis and Palestinians; a just solution for Palestinian refugees based on principles established in international law; an end to violence against civilians; and peace and justice for all peoples of the Middle East."

Worship in the Park and Blessing of the Animals – Join us for our annual blessing of the animals! On Sunday, May 7 we'll gather at 10:45 a.m. in (shady) Longs Park. Please note: there will be NO SUNDAY SCHOOL this day. Please bring along your own chair if you've got one.

During worship, we'll bless our pets. Childcare staff will be on hand to care for young kids who want to explore the playground or the rest of the park.

After worship, stick around for a good ol' fashioned potluck. Bring a dish to share and your own tableservice. Drinks will be provided by our Board of Deacons.

Sunday School News

Please note that there will be NO Sunday School for children, youth, or adults on May 7th due to our worship at Longs Park.

The final day of Sunday School for children, youth, and adults this semester is May 21st.

April 23, 30, May 14, 21 (four weeks) - adult Sunday School at 9:30am.

Faith through the Seasons with Sean Weston. Each season of life brings different questions of faith, meaning, and understanding our place in the world. At every age, there are amazing opportunities for growth and tough challenges. This four week series starting April 23, led by Sean Weston, will explore the questions and struggles people face on their faith journeys in each decade of life. Based on the experiences of those who participate as well as research on faith development, we will seek to be strengthened in our faith journeys and grow in our understandings of ourselves and people of all ages.

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.

E A S T E R

April 16, 2017

John 20:1-18

Easter

After the horrors of Holy Week, after the disappointment and the feelings of hopelessness, it must have been an incredible adrenaline rush to hear the news that could hardly be believed. The one tortured and suffocated, and mocked and bullied and spit upon by all the powerful people for miles around has walked away from it all. Indeed, Mary sees him in the garden. She is the witness whose word spreads the joy of that meeting.

Without Mary, we might only know the empty tomb. Oh, there are other encounters. Others will see him, eat with him, touch his wounds. But Mary is the first to tell the disciples that he lives. She is the first ripple in the wave.

In November 2016, a delegation from the United Church of Christ went to Standing Rock to listen to and support the Native peoples who had gathered to peacefully protest the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL). Reverend Brooks Berndt, UCC Minister for Environmental Justice, spoke about hearing the Native leaders tell the delegation how they hope people who visited the protest would go back out into the world and be like pebbles making ripples in the water.

Mary was a pebble rippling her witness to a risen Jesus and sharing that story with the world. Easter happened before social media and still the story got told so that there are few on the whole planet who haven't heard it. She was a witness to hope made tangible—a witness to life restored. We can all be witnesses to all kinds of resurrections. Let us all skip into the water of the world like pebbles rippling our resurrection stories.



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