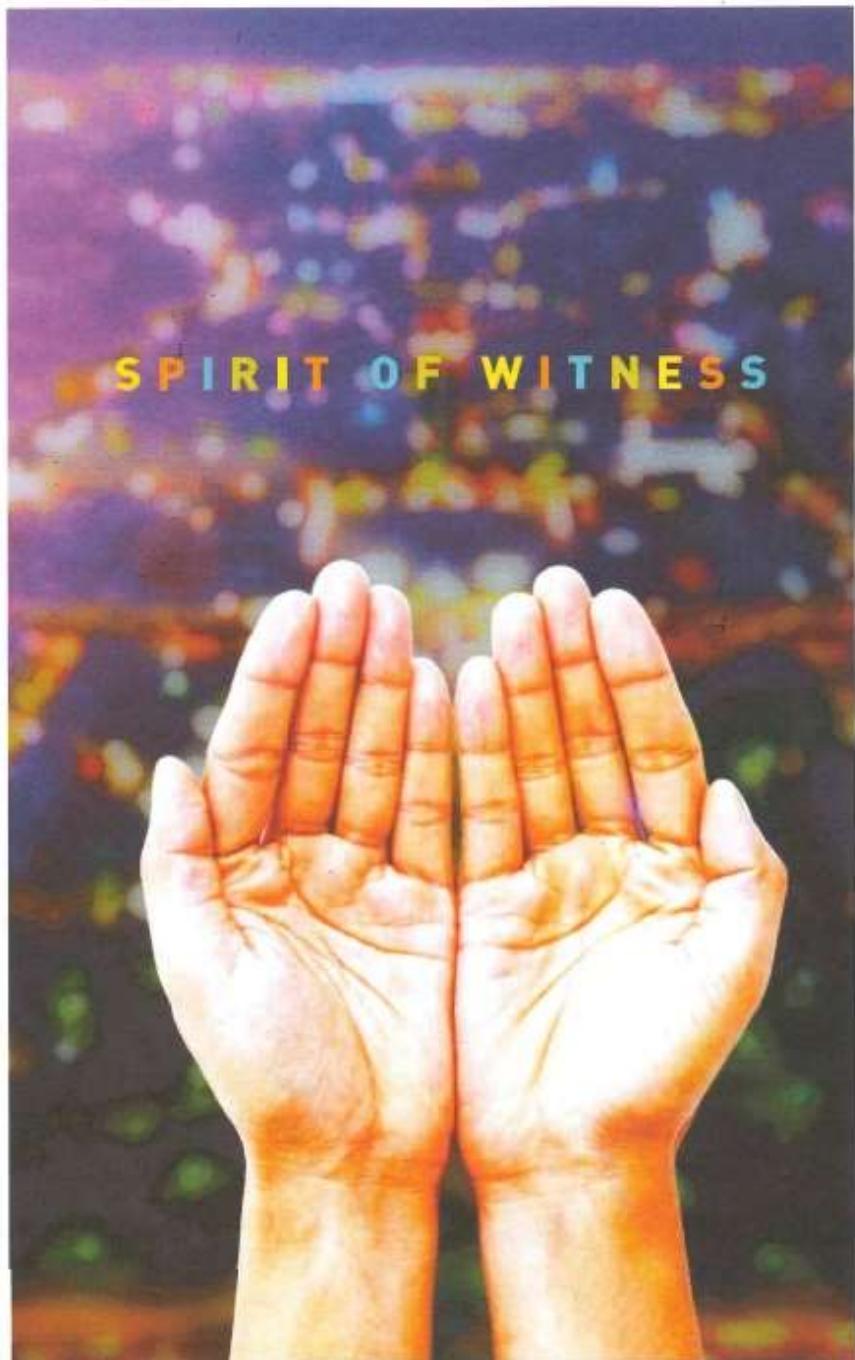




# First Congregational United Church of Christ

Manhattan, Kansas

*where God is still speaking.*



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 28, 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:** Jim & Julie Appino

**Word for Children:** TBA

**Fellowship Hour:** Kathy Bleam

**Reading Scripture:** TBA

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Judy Willingham

**Grounds Care:** Brent Maner

# GATHERING

## GATHERING MUSIC

*in the presence of God*

Tower Chimes

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

"My Jesus Calls to Me"

Mary Ellen Sutton, organ

Brahms

## CALLED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*One:* We are called to be the body of Christ,

*Many:* We are called to serve as Christ in this world.

*One:* We are called to share in the gifts of the Spirit,

*Many:* We are to teach, care, and love as Christ loves us.

*One:* We gather to receive Good News and go out to share it with the world. Come, let us worship God,

*Many:* Who dwells in us as the body of Christ in this world. Amen.

*Adapted from the Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

## ❖ HYMN 55 (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs*)

"Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

Marion

❖ Indicates all who are able, please stand.

## ❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH      *UCC Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology*

*All:: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,  
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,  
and to your deeds we testify:*

*You call the worlds into being,  
create persons in your own image,  
and set before each one the ways of life and death.*

*You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.*

*You judge people and nations by your righteous will  
declared through prophets and apostles.*

*In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth,  
our crucified and risen Savior,*

**you have come to us and shared our common lot,  
conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.**

**You call us into your church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be your servants in the service of others,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.**

## **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**

### **"I Woke Up This Morning"**

*(all join in singing Hymn #85)*

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**

TBA

*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 LESSONS**

TBA

**John 17:1-11** (*New Testament page 106 in the pew Bible*)

**Acts 1:6-14** (*New Testament page 112 in the pew Bible*)

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

"The Shadow of Your Smile"

Paul Hunt, trombone

Johnny Mandel

## **SERMON**

"That they may be one"

Rev. Caela Simmons Wood

# ***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**

"Blessed Are the Faithful Souls"

Brahms

## **❖ 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: Donna Keyser & Millie Schroeder; Caren & Nick Knicklebine; Andrew Konecny.*

### **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 the Church*

❖ **HYMN 309** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs*)

*"We Are Your People"* vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

*Whitfield*

**SHARING OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY.  
CHALLENGE SPIRITUALLY. MINISTER FERVENTLY.**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

## ❖ CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL BENEDICTION

(Sung two times)

### "Let Us Live in the Light"

The musical score consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef and 3/4 time, with chords C, G/B, Am, Em, Em7, F, G9/F, C, and C#dim7. The lyrics "Let us live in the light, let us love in the light, and" are written below the notes. The bottom staff is in bass clef and 3/4 time, with chords Dm, Am/E, Dm7/F, F#dim, Gsus, G, Csus, and C. The lyrics "let the Spir - it do its work in us." are written below the notes. The score includes several fermatas and a repeat sign.

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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.

# THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

## **THIS SUNDAY, MAY 28**

10:45 a.m. Service of the Word

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour

6:00 p.m. Second Helping

## **MONDAY, MAY 29 - OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY**

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, MAY 31**

7:00 p.m. Turning Point AA meeting, Andover Hall

## **THURSDAY, JUNE 1**

10:00 a.m. Ministry of the Decorative Scissors begins, Andover Hall

7:00 p.m. Taizé Service, Pioneer Hall

8:00 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Art Room

## **FRIDAY, JUNE 2**

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

## **SATURDAY, JUNE 3**

5:30 p.m. Ministry of the Decorative Scissors ends, Andover Hall

## **NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 4 - PENTECOST SUNDAY**

10:45 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament

*Fill the Breadbasket*

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour

6:00 p.m. Second Helping



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## **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.

**Pentecost is Sunday, June 4** – As we mark the anniversary of the birth of the church and the gift of the Holy Spirit, you are invited to wear red, orange, or yellow. Together we will celebrate the Spirit in wind and flame. Want to learn more about Pentecost? Read Acts 2 in preparation for this special holiday!

**FIT Closet Closed for Summer** – The FIT Closet is taking some time off for summer vacation. It will reopen in July for limited hours: Monday 9:00-noon and Wednesday 3:00-5:30. The closet resumes regular hours in August: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00-noon; and Wednesday, Thursday 3:00-5:30.

**\$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.



**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](mailto:fccvolunteers). If you are interested in a specific volunteer opportunity but want more information, contact [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org).

## Free Concert featuring Timeless A Cappella show tunes, familiar favorites, religious tunes

Monday, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.  
First Congregational Church

Come at 6:00 p.m. for salad, dessert, and conversation.  
Salad supper provided by the Vitality committee.

Timeless A Cappella is a 4-part women's chorus and is always looking for new members.  
If you are interested in performing with the group,  
please contact Donna Keyser at 776-0212 or [mdtreeh@cox.net](mailto:mdtreeh@cox.net).

# **A letter from Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ**

## **Three Great Loves**

Five years ago, the United Church of Christ attempted to alleviate hunger by engaging the entire denomination in a shared, collective effort known as Mission: 1.

Four years ago, we attempted a shared initiative to restore health to the planet in an initiative we called Mission 4/1 Earth.

Both times, the full weight of the United Church of Christ was brought to bear as an agent of impact and for transformation. It was a powerful and beautiful thing we did.

We are going to try this again.

At Synod, we will introduce a new campaign – Three Great Loves.

Like the previous mission initiatives, we will attempt to engage the entire denomination in a shared effort and measure the impact of that commitment.

“Three Great Loves” is a response to our newly articulated purpose, mission, and vision statement which reads:

- We will love the lord our God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength; and our neighbor as ourselves. (Purpose)
- United by the Holy Spirit and inspired by God’s grace we love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all. (Mission)
- A just world for all. (Vision).

These words are intended to articulate why the United Church of Christ is called by God into being – and unless we can operationalize them into mission that matters, they are just words. Therefore, we are inviting and calling the United Church of Christ into mission. We are challenging the entire denomination to engage in Three Great Loves:

The love of Children

The love of Neighbor

The love of Creation.

Every setting of the United Church of Christ is invited to make two commitments:

First, discover ways in which you can engage the members of your faith community in mission that serves the needs of children, responds to the suffering of your neighbor, and/or honors the call to be good stewards of God’s creation.

Second, find a way to narrate the impact of your commitment and tell the story to the rest of the denomination. We will create a web presence that archives and details not just the stories of your shared mission in this collective effort, but the details about the difference these commitments make.

Begin today talking with your board, council, consistory, deacons, youth group or any other relevant body about what you are willing to do to demonstrate a love for children, a love for neighbor, and a love for Creation. We believe an entire denomination that is willing to engage in an extended time of mission to serve these “Three Great Loves” can change the world. We know that your part in this mission matters – no matter where you are located or how large or small your community is.

Help us to engage the United Church of Christ in mission once again, all pulling together in common cause and for a common purpose.

The world is in need of our great love. And our love for the world can transform it.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 28, 2017

John 17:1-11

### Spirit of Witness

Memorial Day used to be called Decoration Day and began as a holiday to honor Union Soldiers after the Civil War. Today, with smart bombs and drone strikes and armor, the casualties we face are just not the same. The Civil War was fought by foot soldiers facing cannons and guns. 620,000 soldiers died from both sides. That's more than our soldier's deaths from both World War I and World War II. Thousands bled out on fields without modern medical help. One in 13 who went to battle came home missing a limb. Since then, our wars have been overseas, and most of us don't have a clue what war means to the soldier, or what the soldier sees.

We have always asked much of our service men and women. We have asked them to take on physical and mental and spiritual and moral challenges that many of them were not prepared for. Soldiers on the front line confront their own mortality every day. This is what we ask of them to keep us safe and to protect the rights of others.

The UCC has 45 chaplains on active duty, in the National Guard and with the U.S. Army Reserves. There are also five seminarians preparing for military chaplaincy in the Army and Navy. We had two UCC chaplains deployed to Afghanistan. While the UCC ordains those chaplains, they are able to pastor to a variety of faiths within their military unit. All chaplains also conduct themselves as commissioned officers.

This Memorial Day let us remember all those who put their lives on the line for us.

*Oh God, who breathes life in all beings and is the God of all nations,  
may the graves of our soldiers be a testament to all the good we will do  
in their name. May we honor them by being a light on a hill. Keep those currently  
in service safe. Let them stay clear about who they are in their deepest selves.  
Jesus, walk with them, let them know they are not alone. Amen.*



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