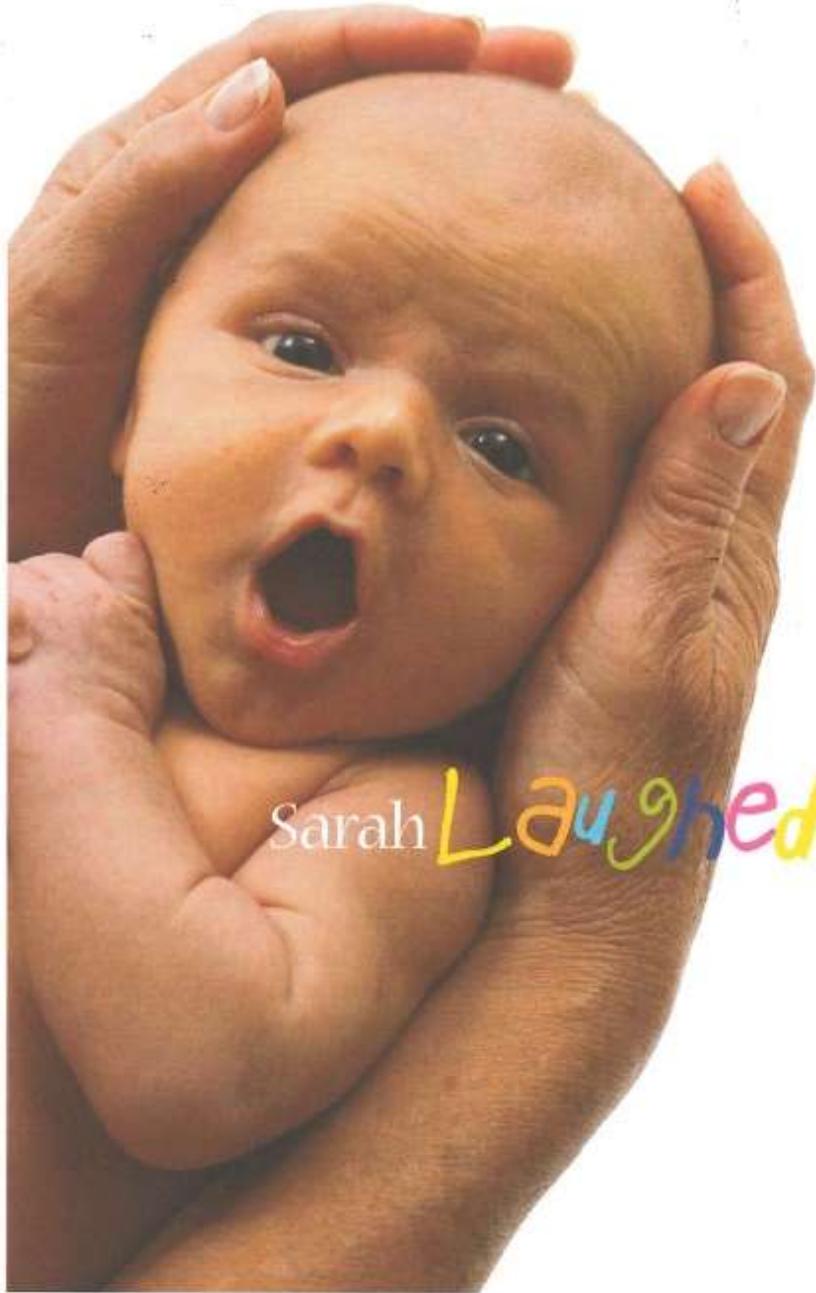




First Congregational United Church of Christ
Manhattan, Kansas

where God is still speaking.



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11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 18, 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: Holly & Amanda Tross, Martha Miller

Word for Children: David Smit

Sanctuary Flowers: Tammi Baird & Lori Knapp

Reading Scripture: Kerri Keller

Fellowship Hour: TBA

Grounds Care: Brent Maner

GATHERING *in the presence of God*

GATHERING MUSIC Tower Chimes

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE Robert Edwards, organ

“Voluntary” Anonymous 18th-Century English

CALLED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

One: Come and worship, all you who seek new life -

East: **outsiders and insiders,**

West: **old-timers and new-comers,**

East: **the young, old and the in-between,**

West: **people of all races and ethnicities, physical and mental abilities, gender identities and sexual orientations.**

One: Come as you are,

Many: **for this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people, and God welcomes each one who comes.**

Adapted from “An Invitation to All!” at re-worship.com

✦ **HYMN 565** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs*)

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” *Austrian Hymn*

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

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *A New Creed #887*

One: We are not alone, we live in God's world.

Many: **We believe in God:**

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil.

to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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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,

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Singing and praying with my mind stayed on Jesus,

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.

LISTENING *for our Still-speaking God*

WORD FOR CHILDREN Andria Anderson

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 Kerri Keller

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19 *(Read responsively; all join in singing the refrain as indicated by the symbol R.)*

Matthew 9:35-10:8, 16-20, 24-27 *(New Testament page 9 in the pew Bible)*

SPECIAL MUSIC Kerry Priest

"Dwell thou with me"

SERMON

"Do Unto Others?" 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

“Faithfulness” Innes

✦ **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: Bonnie Lynn-Sherow and Jim Sherow, Charlotte and David MacFarland.

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**

“For the Healing of the Nations” Picardy

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord; for a just and equal sharing of the things that earth afford; to a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word. Lead us forward into freedom; from despair your world release, that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase. All that kills abundant living, let it from the earth be banned; pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan. In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span. You, Creator God, have written your great name on humankind; for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our response and service earth its destiny may find.

**SHARING OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY.
CHALLENGE SPIRITUALLY. MINISTER FERVENTLY.
CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL BENEDICTION** (*Sung two times*)
“Let Us Live in the Light”

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 18

10:45 a.m. Service of the Word

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour

6:00 p.m. Second Helping

MONDAY, JUNE 19

5:15 p.m. Yoga, Andover Hall

6:45 p.m. Timeless A Cappella, Pioneer Hall

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

10:00 a.m. NCA Clergy meeting, Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 22 – OFFICE CLOSED

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 23

5:00 p.m. Newsletter Deadline

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

5:00 p.m. Ministry of the Decorative Scissors Ends, Andover Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10:45 a.m. Service of the Word

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour

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.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 18, 2017

Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

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Stories always have many viewpoints. In Genesis, the ancient and elderly Abraham is sitting by a tree and three men appear. Abraham, recognizing them as divine emissaries, invites them to a meal and orders Sarah (his ancient and elderly wife) to make them food. After she has served them, she sits, out of sight, and listens. The four men set about to discuss Sarah's future pregnancy. Sarah laughs . . . out loud. Wouldn't you? What a ridiculous idea it was that an old lady should get pregnant. Of course, if Abraham is going to be the father of a great nation somebody has to get pregnant, and in this ancient tale of wandering tribes and tent societies Sarah is the only choice for matriarch. But still she is scolded for her laugh. Perhaps there is ancient embedded wisdom in the Erma Bombeck quote, "If you can laugh at it, you can live with it."

As old as the old tales are, there isn't much about human beings that hasn't been told. Many a sitcom has begun with a spouse bringing unexpected company home for dinner. The saga of Abraham and Sarah is a story that walks between worlds of social class, power and gender. In these motifs we can read a lot that resonates with our contemporary world.

Glennon Doyle Melton is a best-selling author who reflects on such contemporary stories. She facilitates an online community called Momastery. Her quirky take on motherhood, family, politics, religion, and women's lives has resonated with many around the country, and she will be a featured speaker at General Synod 2017 on Saturday, July 1. General Synod meets every other year and it is the body that steers the work of the United Church of Christ. People from all walks of life, from all over the country and the world gather to vote on resolutions, elect officers and create a vortex of denominational energy. This year we will meet in Baltimore, Maryland, and the theme is "Make Glad." Gathered in that one body, the delegates that will make up that Synod each bring their own stories, like Sarah's, that shine a light on both what unites and divides us.



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