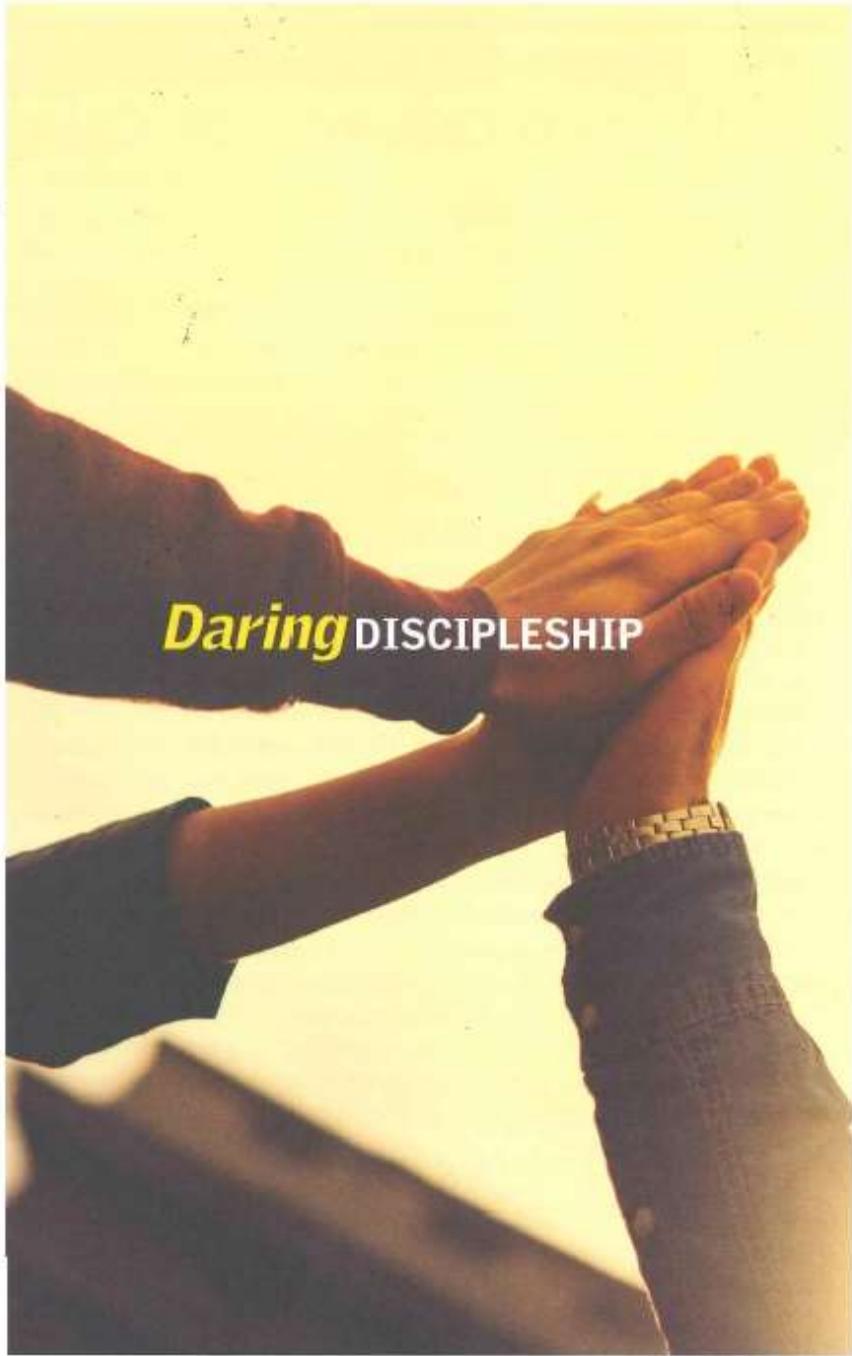




First Congregational United Church of Christ
Manhattan, Kansas

where God is still speaking.



Daring DISCIPLESHIP

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1²TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 25, 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: Judy Willingham

Grounds Care: Brent Maner

WORDS OF WELCOME**PRELUDE**

Mary Ellen Sutton, organ

CALLED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

One: Our God sees and recognizes those who suffer.

Many: **May we too see the suffering around us and offer the cup of healing.**

One: God listens to those who are empty of hope and those who are cast out

Many: **May we too listen to life's castoffs and offer our voices to comfort.**

One: To all who listen and see, God offers a home in the heart of love.

Many: **Praise be to the God who sees and hears and loves. Amen.**

✦ **HYMN 24** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs*)

"Yigdal Elohim Chai (The God of Abraham Praise)"

Leoni

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

✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*Unison*)

Lord, we know that you have asked us to be your eyes and ears on earth. We know that you have asked us to enact your love among both neighbors and strangers. But we confess that too often we refuse to see you, and we remain blind to the injustice right in front of our faces, particularly the injustice that benefits us even as it hurts others. Too often we close our ears to your words, and we pretend not to hear the calls of the marginalized and oppressed. Lord, help us open our eyes, our ears, our hearts, so that your love may flow through us. Help us to see injustice so that we may work against it. Help us to hear the cries for help so that we may reach out in compassion. Help us truly to love our neighbors as ourselves.

(Silence is kept for individual reflection and confession)

One: ...through Jesus Christ, our Ruler and Savior.

Many: **Amen.**

✦ WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Our God sees us and hears us. Our God calls us into new life.

Many: **Let us open our hearts to God's steadfast promises.**

One: Go forth on the path that God has helped us to see. Listen to the needs of those around us. And know that God will always provide living waters for our thirsty souls, courage to fight injustice, and love beyond measure for us to share.

Many: **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

(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

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

Genesis 21: 3, 8-21

Galations 3: 25-29

SERMON

“The Handmaid’s Tale”

Sue Zschoche

 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: 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 23** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs*)
 "There is a Wideness in God's Mercy"

In Babilone

**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 image shows a musical score for the hymn "Let Us Live in the Light". It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system has the lyrics "Let us live in the light, let us love in the light, and" and the second system has "let the Spir - it do its work in us." The score includes various chords and a key signature of one sharp (F#).

System 1 Chords: C G/B Am Em Em7 F G9/F C C#dim7

System 2 Chords: Dm Am/E Dm7/F F#dim Gsus G Csus C

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 25

10:45 a.m. Service of the Word

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour

6:00 p.m. Second Helping

MONDAY, JUNE 26

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

7:00 p.m. Taizé Service, Pioneer Hall

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

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2

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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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.

Pastor Caela out of office – Pastor Caela is out of the office from Friday, June 23rd through Saturday, July 8th. She is spending a week on vacation with her family and then traveling to Baltimore to attend the UCC General Synod with the Next Generation Leadership Initiative. If you are in need of pastoral care during this time, please contact our Pastoral Associate Sue Zschoche.

Upcoming Dates of Interest at First Congregational:

August 6: Jazz Worship

August 13: Choir returns

August 20: Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday School for all ages begins,
Feast and Festival

September 23: Welcoming Dinner for those new to our congregation

November 12: Guest preacher Stephanie Mott

Upcoming Sermon Series:

July 9 - August 6: "Epic Love" series on our faith ancestors in Genesis

August 14 - September 9: "Back to School: Jesus the Teacher" series on Jesus's teachings in the Gospel of Matthew

September 17 - October 8: "Young, Scrappy, and Hungry" series on the Joseph narrative from Genesis



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.

Lunch Bunch July 5 – We join together with Bethel AME Church in an opportunity for members of our two congregations to get to know one another. Wednesday, July 5 at **Harry's Deli** (418 Poyntz). It's not for women only – everyone is welcome to join us for lunch at 11:30 a.m. (Find monthly Lunch Bunch locations by clicking on Community Life/Events Calendar on the church website at www.uccmanhattan.com.)



Free Money! – Do you participate in our Dillons fundraiser? It's easy! Just go to dillons.com to link your shopper card. If you need help, contact the church office. (Our organization number is #10145.) Check your enrollment by checking the very bottom of your Dillons receipt. You should see "...donating to First Congregational UCC." Additionally, you can purchase gift cards for HyVee at face value, but First Congregational receives them at a discount. Contact Dave Manning for more information.

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.

Daring Discipleship

Lose your life? Find your life? Do not be afraid? What is there to fear? Jesus did lay out very clearly the hard work, the commitment, and the fearlessness required of his disciples. If nothing else, you couldn't follow Jesus and not end up a little braver. It would, at least, require some daring and fearlessness. Discipleship still does.

In a few days, the 31st General Synod of the United Church of Christ will convene in Baltimore, Maryland. They will gather under the bannered theme of "Make Glad." "Make Glad" is what a river in Psalm 46:4 does; it "makes glad the city of God." For the thousands of people descending on Baltimore's Inner Harbor, the theme will make immediate sense when they see the Patapsco River flowing through Baltimore harbor into Chesapeake Bay. "Make Glad" will also make metaphorical sense when we consider our baptism by water into a life of discipleship. And, ultimately, discipleship is what all our General Synods are about. They're about what it means to follow Jesus as a big organization trying to stay true to the Gospel. A Gospel that calls us to follow Jesus no matter where that may lead us.

The very first lines of Psalm 46 begin: "God is our refuge and strength/ a very present help in trouble/Therefore we will not fear . . ." "Make Glad," then, is not a simple call to be happy for happiness' sake but to know that in the midst of everything that might make us afraid, God is present breathing bravery. After all, bravery begins in fear. Only when you are afraid can you be brave. We are called to follow God into service – wherever that may lead. If our discipleship leads us into difficult and fearful places we can remember that the river that bears the water of our baptism "makes glad" the city of God. As we prepare to gather in Baltimore let us also remember that on this day, 60 years ago in Cleveland, Ohio, at its first General Synod, the United Church of Christ was born.



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