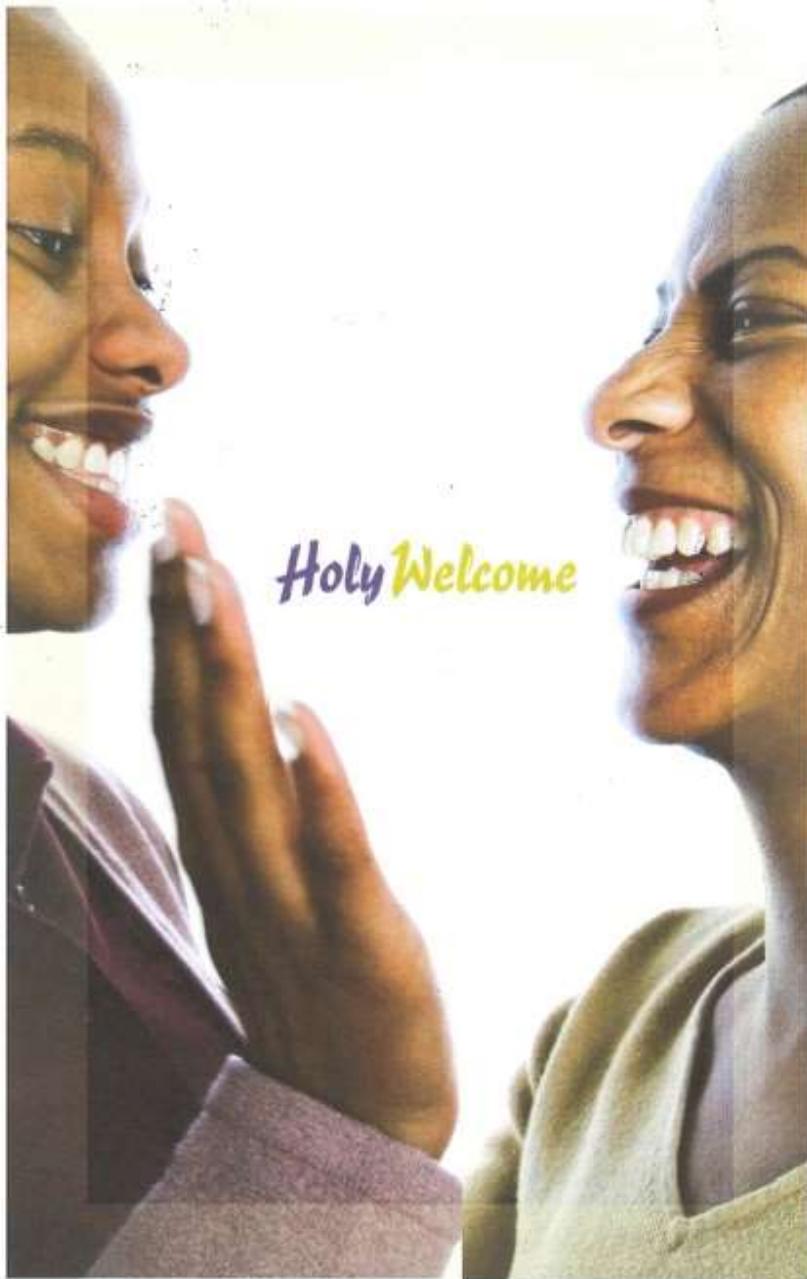




First Congregational United Church of Christ
Manhattan, Kansas

where God is still speaking.



Holy Welcome

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 2, 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: Jennifer Edwards, Gina Davidson

Word for Children: Andria Anderson

Sanctuary Flowers: TBD

Communion Servers: Gina Davidson, Jess Girdler, Mackenzie Lechlitner

Reading Scripture: Leslie Bell

Fellowship Hour: Ann Smit

Grounds Care: TBD

GATHERING MUSIC

Tower Chimes

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

“15th Improvisation, Hommage a Edith Piaf”

Tyler Cochran, piano

Francis Poulenc

CALLED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

One: What does the Lord require of us?

Many: **To do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.**

One: What does God command of us?

Many: **To love God with all our heart, and all our soul, and all our mind, and all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

One: God does not call us to ease or to comfort.

Many: **But to presence, and abundance, and grace in our struggle.**

One: Let us worship the God who believes in us, and trusts in us, and abides with us.

Many: **Let us worship the God who will ask much of us, but will be beside us every step of the way.**

Eliza Buchakjian-Tweedy

✦ **HYMN 407** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs*)

“How Firm a Foundation”

Foundation

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

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Mission Statement

The mission of our church is

To love and accept others unconditionally as God loves and accepts us, and by example, to encourage others to do the same.

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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.

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

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

Leslie Bell

Genesis 22: 1-14 (*Old Testament page 17 in the pew Bible*)

Matthew 10: 40-42 (*New Testament page 10 in the pew Bible*)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Alfred Cochran, baritone saxophone

Bernie Vaughn, Laura Beth Cochran, Tyler Cochran, violin

"La Vie En Rose"

arr. Jose Irizarry, Edith Piaf

SERMON

"An Unbinding, of Sorts"

Sue Zschoche

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 Bernie Vaughn & Laura Beth Cochran, violin
Tyler Cochran, piano
Stephanie Immordino

“Come, Thou Fount”

✦ 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.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SERVICE OF SACRED COMMUNION

This is the table of Christ, not of this church. All are welcome and encouraged to join in the sharing of communion at Christ's Table, regardless of age or tradition, for this is the meal which binds all of us, different as we are, together.

We will commune by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup) at the front of the church. The ushers will direct you. If you would rather remain seated, please let an usher know and we will bring the elements to you. The bread served is gluten free and the cup contains grape juice.

*As you come forward, you are invited to "fill the breadbasket." The gifts shared support the work of **The Second Helping** ministry of this church.*

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

One: May God our refuge be with you!

Many: **And also with you.**

One: You turn to us, Holy God, your arms full of the bread and cup,

Many: **your Spirit transforming these gifts into a holy feast.**

One: The Table is made ready for your children who will eat of your salvation

Many: **and go forth to remind the broken, the lost, the young, the old that they are of value to you beyond measure.**

One: We will drink of your grace

Many **so we may turn to the hungry, the homeless, the fearful and embrace them in your love.**

One: And when we gather at this table, we gather as well with the faithful of every time and of every place,

Many: **reminded of your constant love throughout the ages**

One: And we remember: when Jesus was at table with his friends, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to those who were gathered there.

Many: **And they were changed.**

One: Continuing to offer hospitality, he took a cup of wine and blessed it, and passed it around the table.

Many: **And the holy was revealed.**

One: This same meal is now offered to us.

Many: **We gladly accept it, knowing that in any ordinary moment like this, God still speaks to us.**

One: Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING GIFTS OF FOOD AND COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Amazing God, thank you for your presence with us and for giving us a taste of your kingdom in this meal

All: **Please use this food to strengthen us to be your joyful and hopeful community, sharing and experiencing your kingdom of love, justice, and mercy. Flow through us, healing God. Amen!**

Adapted from Thom M. Shuman

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

You are invited to share your joy or concern aloud. If you would prefer to have Sue 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: Mechelle Martinez and Rachel Whetstone, April Mason, Marcia McFarland.

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 80** *(The New Century Hymnal located in pew books)*

“Savior, Again to Your Dear Name”

Ellers

**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 vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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 chords are: C, G/B, Am, Em, Em7, F, G9/F, C, C#dim7, Dm, Am/E, Dm7/F, F#dim, Gsus, G, Csus, C.

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

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS 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

MONDAY, JULY 3

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, JULY 4-INDEPENDENCE DAY

Offices Closed

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch

5:30 p.m. Board of Mission meeting, Blachly Hall

5:45 p.m. Board of Deacons meeting, Conference Room

7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting, Blachly Hall

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

THURSDAY, JULY 6

7:00 p.m. Taizé Service, Pioneer Hall

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

FRIDAY, JULY 7

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

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 8

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.

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.

FIT Closet — The FIT Closet is on a modified schedule in July: Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00-5:30 p.m. Tuesdays 9:00-noon. The closet resumes regular hours in August: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00-noon; and Wednesday, Thursday 3:00-5:30. At the start of the school year there is always a big need for underwear, socks, and sneakers.

Holy Welcome

It isn't all dancing and shouting and singing and greeting old friends at General Synod. The delegates in Baltimore will also be going into the community to perform acts of service for the people of Baltimore, as well as attending eye-opening first hand encounters with the faces of homelessness.

Delegates will participate in what is being called an "Injustice Walk." At the end of such a walk, UCCers from around the country will understand better the reality of being homeless in a big city like Baltimore. They will hear from representatives of of Earl's Place, United Ministries, a UCC Council for Health and Human Services Ministries member, and 20-year provider of supportive housing to the homeless. In addition, the Central Atlantic Conference of the UCC has asked attendees of General Synod to bring hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets and small pillows for distribution to the over 26,000 estimated homeless people in the geography covered by that Conference. All those items collected will be distributed during winter months.

Another project, that should inspire the delegates and create goodwill, will include some urban forestry and volunteer gardening in the city with a program called "Blue Water Baltimore." In addition, people will be able to donate toys and supplies to a no kill animal shelter.

Giving and receiving a holy extravagant welcome is what the United Church of Christ is all about. In addition, our sprit of mission and service undergirds everything we do – even a rollicking convention hall filled with many thousands of church folks is going to spread that welcome throughout the city. Attendees will bring back to their churches stories of effort and hope and a deeper sense of the ties of service and faith that bind us together.

