



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 22, 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.

**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, Jess Girdler

**Sanctuary Flowers:** Judy Ahrens

**Fellowship Hour:** Mechelle Martinez & Rachel Whetstone

**Word for Children:** Andria Anderson

**Reading Scripture:** Leslie Bell

**Grounds Care:** TBA

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

“Adagio”

Robert Edwards, organ  
Fiocco

**CALLED IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

*One:* Listen! God is calling you by name,

*Many:* **To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.**

*One:* Listen! God is calling you by name,

*Many:* **To follow Jesus, to become last of all and servant of all.**

*One:* Listen! God is calling you by name,

*Many:* **To love the Lord your God, and to love your neighbor as yourself.**

*One:* Listen! God is calling you by name,

*Many:* **God is calling each of us into this time of worship, to pray and listen for the call of God.**

*The Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell*

✦ **HYMN 592** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)

**“God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command”**

*National 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.

*United Church of Canada 1980*

## **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.*

### **MISSION MOMENT: MINISTER TOGETHER**

Ann Smit

### **THE WORD IN MUSIC**

*"Amazing Grace"*

The Fresh Four  
Eric Tinkler

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Leslie Bell

**1 Thessalonians 5:12-21** (*New Testament page 192 in the pew Bible*)

**2 Timothy 1:3-7** (*New Testament page 198 in the pew Bible*)

**Ephesians 4:26** (*New Testament page 183 in the pew Bible*)

## SERMON

“From Compost to Peace”

Tai Amri Spann-Wilson

## 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

“Cantilena”

Rheinberger

## ✦ 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: Paulicia Williams, Tahjai Gamble, Nadiyah Gamble, Chikezie Williams.*

## 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 509** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)  
 "How Deep the Silence of the Soul"

*Tallis' Third Tune*

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

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

✦ **CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL BENEDICTION**  
 "Let Us Live in the Light"

*(Sung two times)*

The image shows a musical score for a congregational choral benediction. 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." Above the treble staff, guitar chords are written: C, G/B, Am, Em, Em7, F, G9/F, C, C#dim7 for the first system, and Dm, Am/E, Dm7/F, F#dim, Gsus, G, Csus, C for the second system. The music is in 2/2 time and features a simple, hymn-like melody.

## EXIT MUSIC

“Six Schubert Quartets”

Verne Reynolds

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**Thank you to The Fresh Four horn quartet.**  
Rose Bentley, Paige Kyle, Eric Tinkler, Kara Whitaker

### *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.*



## 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.

# **THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE**

## ***THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22***

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages

10:45 a.m. Service of the Word

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour

6:00 p.m. Second Helping

7:00 p.m. Progressive Christianity Group @ECM

## ***MONDAY, OCTOBER 23***

5:15 p.m. Yoga, Andover Hall

6:45 p.m. Timeless A Cappella, Pioneer/Blachly Halls

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

## ***WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25***

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

## ***THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26***

7:00 p.m. Taizé Service, Pioneer Hall

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

## ***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27***

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

## ***NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 – PLEDGE SUNDAY***

8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages

10:45 a.m. Service of the Word

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour

6:00 p.m. Second Helping



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**Save the Date – Rehearsals for the annual children's Christmas Pageant** will begin on Sunday, November 5. Rehearsals will be held at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. The pageant will be during worship on Sunday, December 17. If you have questions, please contact Andria Anderson.

## **Conversations on Race Reconciliation: A Community Dialogue**

**October 30, 7:00-9:00 p.m. • St. Thomas More Catholic Church**

A panel discussion of prepared questions will be followed by round table groups as we are joined by Cats for Inclusion to discuss the issues raised and possible initiatives to improve issues of race relations. For more information contact Jennifer Edwards. [www.facebook.com/manhattanksConversations](http://www.facebook.com/manhattanksConversations)

## **Anti-Racism Retreat - Saturday, Nov. 4th, REGISTER NOW!**

The Anti-Racism Retreat will be held on Saturday, Nov. 4th, from 8am-5pm at Civic Plus (302 S. 4th St). We will be using Part Two of the four-part White Privilege curriculum from the UCC and you are invited to join us whether or not you participated in Part One during Sunday School this past spring. Friends from Bethel AME have also been invited to join us. Childcare and activities for children will be provided throughout the retreat, so you can bring the whole family! There is a \$10 registration fee and scholarships are available. For full details and to register, please visit [uccmanhattan.org](http://uccmanhattan.org). If online registration is not your thing, please contact the church office ([office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org), 537-7006).

**Remembering Our Saints** – On November 5, we join with Christians around the globe in remembering our saints on All Saints Day. We invite you to remember the saints in your own life by bringing along an item that represents the person you wish to honor. We will have a table set up in Pioneer-Blachly for your items. Your saint might be a relative or friend. They might be someone famous that you've never met. A saint is simply someone who has gone before us and has showed us how to live. We remember their lives and honor them the first Sunday in November. You may want to bring a photograph, keepsake, newspaper article, or some other memento. We'll have cards available for you to write the saint's name and we can all browse the items during Fellowship Hour.

**Dinner Discussions** – The fall Dinner Discussion sponsored by Vitality will be on Friday, November 10 at 6 PM. The topic will be fair trade in Manhattan, with guest Amy Kay Povlovich from the fair trade store, Connected on Poyntz. She'll tell about her journey to developing three fair trade stores in Kansas and will have some of the goods from the Manhattan store.



## **Adult Sunday School Through November 12 (seven weeks)**

### **The Language of Faith led by Dave Smit**

Ever hear the slogan, “Take people for what they mean, not for what they say?” It turns out the slogan is right. We understand each other in complicated ways that cannot be accounted for primarily by the words we use. The context in which we use words may be more important than the words themselves. In this class, we’ll examine how we talk about what matters to us, following the procedures of Hermeneutics, or the theory and practice of interpretation. We can call it Hermen, for short. We’ll begin by studying how we rely on context to understand each other’s everyday speech and writing, then move on to examine how we bring our own background and experience to written texts. With this as a framework, we’ll delve into how to effectively use terms such as “good” and “bad,” and “right” and “wrong,” how to appropriately interpret sacred texts, and how to share our faith with others who may think our beliefs and values are very strange. We’ll explore ways to make our judgments seem reasonable to people who disagree with us and our faith sensible to those whose beliefs are very different from our own.

**Ready to Become a Member?** – On November 12, 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](mailto:pastor@uccmanhattan.org)) to set up an appointment. You can also learn more and fill out a new member information form at [www.uccmanhattan.org/become-a-member](http://www.uccmanhattan.org/become-a-member).

## **White Memorial Camp Art Contest!**

**Enter to win free camp scholarship!** Based on our popular summer camp game named "GROG" after our mythical (or is it?) monster that prowls around at night. Participants of all ages may design their own Grog. No guidelines as to its appearance so long as it's original. We'll share your art on the Camp White Facebook page. The top 5 pieces that earn the most "Likes" win prizes! Persons of all ages may submit their art to win great free camp prizes!

- More information on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/ExperienceWMC](http://www.facebook.com/ExperienceWMC)
- Prizes include: Free camp tuition, free weekend cabin rental, free pool party, free zip line and climb adventure, and more!
- Contest begins Oct. 7. Submissions due Oct. 24. Winner announced Oct. 31!

# Hands of Friendship A Celebration in Music

3:00 p.m. Sunday, November 12, 2017

at First Congregational Church

Reception to Follow

Bethel AME Church Choir & First Congregational UCC Choir

Karen Hubbard and Gretchen Lewis, directors

Linnetta Hill, piano • Mary Ellen Sutton, organ • Robert Edwards, piano and organ

Guest Choir, United Black Voices

Sheneka Cabe, director

Aliyah Stephens, piano

The Rev. Caela Simmons Wood

Pastor, First Congregational UCC

All Are Welcome Bring A Friend!

**Fair Trade Your Halloween** – Every year, Americans spend over a billion dollars on millions of pounds of Halloween chocolate. Where does all that chocolate come from, and who grows it? The answer might scare you! The conventional chocolate industry is not fair. But we can change that. Make your Halloween a #FairTradeHalloween through UCC partners at Equal Exchange.

**Calling All Veterans** – our friends at the Manhattan Mennonite Church are seeking partners to help reimagine their “Veterans for Peace” presence at the Veterans Day Parade on Friday, Nov. 10th. Please contact Dave Redmon to help plan or participate.

## October Ministry Opportunities

It's easy to get involved! Circle any of the below paragraphs, add your contact info, and drop into the collection plate. We'll be in touch soon to get you signed up or answer your questions. Thank you.

**Coalition for Equal Justice (CEJ)** - For the past three years, Pastor Caela has worked with a coalition of community organizers to better understand racial disparities in arrest rates in Riley County. The Vitality Committee is seeking one or more individuals in our congregation with a passion for racial justice who might be interested in working with CEJ.

**Hospitality for the Anti-Racism Retreat on November 4.** Need just a couple of people to help in the kitchen with meals and snacks for the group.

**Poverty Truth Commission.** As an outgrowth of the Poor Peoples' Campaign, motivated in Kansas by Rev. William Barber and his team at their visit to Topeka in August, there is an interest in building a Poverty Truth Commission in Manhattan. The Commission is based on a model that is been used in other states. People who are experiencing poverty would publicly share their own stories in a setting where those who have the power to make a difference would be present. Relationships will be built and concrete follow up plans will be made. We are seeking someone to serve on a Steering Committee with perhaps 5-10 other people from the local community. You would represent our congregation, plan the event, and collaborate efforts with the Vitality Committee.

**Grounds care** in spring, summer, and fall requires mowing the church lawn, in addition to the church garden lot adjacent to the alley, prior to Sunday's worship (Thursday, Friday, or Saturday). In the winter it's a little different. Sign up for a whole week – Monday-Sunday – and if it snows, you "win" what is affectionately called the snow lottery. You've got to clear the walkways with the church snow blower.

**Worship** volunteers have many Sunday morning tasks. They greet at the door, read scripture, host fellowship hour, usher, contribute flowers, and offer the Word for Children. Sign up is easy!

*Continued on reverse*

**Second Helping** has been an outreach ministry of First Congregational Church for 15+ years. From 4:15-7:30 each Sunday, volunteers prepare and serve a hot meal and provide a sack lunch for members of the community who are in need of fellowship and a meal. Volunteers each week include a Head Cook, 4 crew members and a Church Host. We are always looking for people to help with this effort, so if you are interested, please provide your contact information below. Training is provided for all roles, so don't be afraid to give it a try!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Helping food donations.** Most of the funds we have in the Second Helping line item go for food for the sack lunches provided to our guests on Sunday evenings. Much of the supplies we use for the meals come from commodities from the state or from the food recovery program at K-State. Every week we distribute: 70 packets of instant oatmeal; 35 cereal bars; and 35 packs of snack crackers, as well as fresh veggies, fruit and sandwiches. We need: instant oatmeal packets, cereal or granola bars, snack crackers (such as cheese or peanut butter crackers), individual servings of non-perishable fruit. Please provide what you can on the first Sunday of each month in the collection barrel or leave donations on the counter by the refrigerator in the church kitchen. Our guests appreciate your contributions.

## MINISTER TOGETHER

*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.*

*(From our congregation's Mission Statement)*

God calls us to minister to others through the sharing of our talents, gifts and resources. Another part of that message is that God also calls us to love his earth and to care for his people.

First Congregational Church was engaged in global ministry before our church was organized in 1856. New England Congregationalists migrated west of the Missouri River to this area in support of ending slavery. They were determined that the Kansas Territory would become a 'free state' and a war was underway to keep that from happening.

A few years later the Rev. Charles Blood arrived, sent here by the American Home Missionary Society in Ohio to bring spiritual support to those early arrivals. In 1859 a church building was dedicated at our present location. A portion of that church remains on the land where it was built and is now called Pioneer Hall. Certainly these early settlers were in a global ministry as they shared God's love for his earth in the sharing of their talents, gifts, and resources.

Our family moved to Manhattan in 1956 and found that the city was on the verge of changes: segregated elementary education ended; higher salaries for male than female teachers ended; a courageous realtor helped a black family purchase a house north of Poyntz Avenue. The City Commission also established a Human Rights Advisory Board. I was one of the seven members, a Methodist at the time, and two were members of First Congregational Church. Change has been slow and the struggle difficult but our church has persisted. Our church continues that effort in our continuing promise that we will minister to ourselves through the sharing of our talents, gifts and resources and also will love God's earth and its people.

*Barbara Withee*