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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 29, 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: Krista Danielson, Jess Girdler

Sanctuary Flowers: Donna Keyser

Fellowship Hour: The Keller Family

Word for Children: Kerri Keller

Reading Scripture: Judy Ahrens

Grounds Care: Rick & Gayle Doll

WORDS OF WELCOME**PRELUDE**

Mary Ellen Sutton, organ
Bach

“Prelude in A Major”

CALLED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Psalm 46 inspired both "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" and this Call to Worship, adapted from the Rev. Joanna Harader. A note on the last line of the call to worship: Psalm 46:10 is generally translated as, "Be still and know that I am God." The Hebrew term translated as "be still" more accurately means "let drop, let go, abandon." The Rev. Harader says it is a call for disarmament, not a request for silent meditation.

One: The earth shakes, the mountains quake – tempting our hearts to fear.

Many: **God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

One: Storms rage, winds swirl – destroying schools, hospitals, homes.

Many: **Still, God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

One: Violence comes to light in our communities

and violence continues around the world –

causing us to wonder if our prayers for peace are futile.

Many: **Yet God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.**

One: For those mourning and rebuilding after the storms,

Many: **God is their refuge.**

One: For those living in fear of their neighbors,

Many: **God is their strength.**

One: For those dreading the hiss of a drone-fired missile,

Many: **God is a very present help in trouble.**

One: Therefore, we will not fear.

Many: **Therefore, we will lay down our weapons and worship our God.**

Adapted from the Rev. Joanna Harader

✧ **HYMN 439** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein' Feste Burg

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

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

Kerri Keller

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

Judy Ahrens

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 (Page 680 *The New Century Hymnal* **read responsively**; all join in singing the refrain as indicated by the symbol **R.**)

Matthew 22:34-46 (*New Testament page 23 in the pew Bible*)

THE WORD IN MUSIC

Chancel Choir

"Movement #1 of Cantata #80: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott"
(See page 8 for translation.)

J.S. Bach

SERMON

"Remember. Repent. Renew."

Rev. Caela Simmons Wood

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE, REPENTANCE, AND RENEWAL

One: As we remember Martin Luther's act of rebellion 500 years ago this week, let us also pray that we might still be open to the movement of the Spirit in our own midst. For those who went before, bravely calling institutions to account and painstakingly demanding reform,

Many: **O God, we give you thanks.**

One: For the times when the Church has let the human urge for power and self-preservation prevail over your will,

Many: **O God, we ask forgiveness.**

One: For ourselves, that we might become agents of hope and renewal in your Church.

Many: **O God, we ask for courage.**

One: For those in every age who bring reformation and renewal to the Church when it has become complacent,

Many: **O God, we give you thanks.**

One: For those instances when we have driven out those who have questioned the status quo.

Many: **O God, we ask forgiveness.**

One: For the Church, that we may be worthy and willing to work for renewal in all worshiping communities throughout the whole world

Many: **we pray for courage in the name of the God who is Creator of all.
Amen.**

Inspired by and adapted from a litany from the Covenantal Relations Ministry of the UCC, 2003

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

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Travis

✦ 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 (*Unison*)

We dedicate our gifts to you, God of Love. Transform our gifts of time, talent, and treasure into true instruments of peace and justice. Bless our pledges of financial support for the coming year. Guide our leaders as they make important decisions about how we used our shared resources. In everything we do, may we remember we are all ministers called into the Body of Christ. Use us in your service. We pray over these gifts, blessing them in the name of your unending love. Amen.

Adapted from the Rev. Sarah E. Weaver

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: David and Caela Wood, Maitland and Ogden.

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 391** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)
"In the Midst of New Dimensions" vv 1-3, 5

New Dimensions

**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 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 melodic lines for both voices.

Chords for the first system: C, G/B, Am, Em, Em7, F, G9/F, C, C#dim7

Chords for the second system: Dm, Am/E, Dm7/F, F#dim, Gsus, G, Csus, C

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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.

Cantata # 80: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott

(A Mighty Fortress is Our God)

J.S. Bach composed long choral pieces, called cantatas, for each Sunday of the church year, plus additional cantatas for major church festivals and other special occasions. One of the most famous of these cantatas, Cantata #80 is based on the famous Martin Luther hymn of the Reformation, translated in English as A Mighty Fortress is our God. To honor both the Reformation and J.S. Bach, the choir is singing the long first movement in German; the translation and the German text are included below. Listen for the famous chorale tune as each of the choir voices takes up the individual lines in this dense, elaborate setting. Many thanks to the choir and especially to Mary Ellen Sutton, our valiant organist!

Ein feste Burg is unser Gott,
A mighty fortress is our God,

ein' gute Wehr und Waffen;
a good defense and weapon;

er hilft uns frei aus aller Not,
He helps free us from all the troubles

die uns jetzt hat betroffen.
that have now befallen us.

Der alte böse Feind,
The ever evil foe,

mit Ernst er's jetzt meint,
in earnest plots against us,

gross Macht und viel List
with great strength and cunning

sein grausam Rüstung ist;
he prepares his dreadful plans,

auf Erd' ist nicht seinsgleichen.
Earth holds none like him.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS 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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 5:15 p.m. Yoga, Andover Hall
- 6:45 p.m. Timeless A Cappella, Pioneer/Blachly Halls
- 7:00 p.m. Conversations on Race Reconciliation: A Community Dialogue
@ St. Thomas More Church
- 7:30 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Art Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch @
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Deacons meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting, Pioneer/Blachly Halls
- 7:00 p.m. Turning Point AA meeting, Andover Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 7:00 p.m. Taizé Service, Pioneer Hall
- 8:00 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Art Room

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3 – OFFICE CLOSED

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 8:00 a.m. Anti-Racism Retreat @CivicPlus
- 9:00 a.m. Fall Clean Up Day

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all Ages
- 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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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

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. If online registration is not your thing, please contact the church office (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) 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.

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

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.

Lunch Bunch November 1 – We join together with Bethel AME Church in an opportunity for members of our two congregations to get to know one another. Wednesday, November 1 at **Old Chicago** (Vanesta Dr. – Colbert Hills area). 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.)

Congregational Meeting Sunday, November 12

Mark your calendars for the Sunday, November 12th Congregational meeting immediately following the morning church service. Copies of the budget will be available the week before the meeting. We will open the floor for discussion and review the 2018 slate of committee members. I hope you will join us for this very important meeting.

Please note: the date printed in upcoming November newsletter is Nov. 19, but November 12 is the new, correct date.

Harvest Meal Together – November 19 is our annual pot-luck meal together after church. Again this year, the Sherows are providing turkey; the Vitality committee will make dressing and gravy. You are invited to bring a dish to share, and please bring your own plate, cup, and silverware. If you can come before church to set up or stay afterward to clean up, you are very welcome. We need to have the area ready for Second Helping that evening.

Fall Clean Up Day Saturday, November 4th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**Coffee provided.
Bring rakes if you've got them.
Kids are welcome.
The more hands the merrier!**

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.

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.

Second Helping is in need of additional church hosts. The church host greets the guests, makes sure people have what they need, and generally monitors the progress of the meal. Volunteers will be paired with an experienced host until they feel comfortable with the position. The church hosts often get to know the guests over time, which is a privilege of the host position. If you would like to serve in this important role, please indicate your name and contact information on the line.

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. 10. Please indicate your interest in helping plan or participating.

Ministers of Care. Do you have a heart for listening and holding sacred space? The Ministers of Care provide care and encourage the wider congregation to provide care for those in our congregation who are unable to regularly make it to worship, are in need of additional connection and support, or are going through a major life transition.

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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!

Want to be a part of the ministry opportunities? Circle the paragraph that interests you and drop this paper in the collection plate with your name and contact information.

Name: _____

Phone number(s): _____

Email: _____

GENEROUS TOGETHER

Pledge Sunday is October 29th.

We thank you for your careful discernment as we each consider how we can be generous together in the coming year.

At First Congregational UCC, our children aren't just the "future" of the church...they are the "now" of the church! We invited some of the children of our congregation to share why they come to First Congregational. Here is what they shared with us:

"[I go to church] to learn about kindness." - Eliot, age 5

"It helps me calm down. When I'm having a tough day, I can stop and think about God and how he wants me to act." - Delaney, age 8

"I liked making a poem in Sunday School. I feel happy at church. I go to church to learn about the Bible." - Ogden, age 5

"I like that we do different things at church and we don't just always do the same thing. I like the music in Kids Worship and in worship downstairs."
-Liam, age 6

"I feel happy [in Kids Worship] when we have snacks and do crafts."
- Jordan, age 6

"I love being in the PrayGround and playing with everybody. I love how everyone is the same and kind of different." - Anya, age 4