



# Wandering Heart

*"Teach me"*

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**MARCH 17, 2024, AT 10:45 A.M.**

**Welcome!** If you are worshiping 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 encourage you to sign in using our online connect card at [uccmanhattan.org/online](http://uccmanhattan.org/online). If you're worshiping with us in the sanctuary you can also sign in at either door, if you'd rather. Immediately following worship, we hope you'll join us for conversation or just stay put in the Zoom room if you're worshiping online. We look forward to greeting you there. If you have questions, please ask.

**If you need accommodations**, 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. Diaper changing stations are located in both restrooms on the main floor.

**Children are welcome in worship** (and we know they may need to wiggle!). Please reach out to Brandy McDonald ([brandy@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:brandy@uccmanhattan.org)) if you have questions about children's ministries. You may visit our website for information about Sunday School for children and adults during the school year.

**WiFi password for FCUCC guest:**  
**YouAreLoved**

*Our service is recorded so we can share it with those who may have missed worship today. If you are present in the sanctuary, you may be included in this recording. Please contact one of the pastors for more information.*

**---- Assisting in Today's Worship ----**

**Sanctuary Greeter:** Lisa Tatonetti  
**Word for Children:** Brandy McDonald  
**Zoom Sharer:** Kerri Keller

**Reading Scripture:** Judy Willingham  
**Fellowship Host:** TBA  
**Zoom Greeter:** Linda Thurston  
**Tech Team:** Janet George

**WELCOME**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

Alicia Santee-Davis, piano

**CALLED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

*One:* Why are you here?

*Many:* **I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind,  
with a fire burning in my bones.**

*One:* I see it! You're in the right place!  
This is God's house. The door is open to you.

*Many:* **Why are you here?**

*One:* I am seeking God with my whole heart, with my entire mind,  
with a fire burning in my bones.

*Many:* **We see that in you! You're in the right place.  
This is God's house. The door is open to you.**

*One:* Let us worship God.

*Many:* **Let us learn from the Spirit. Amen!**

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✧ **HYMN 451** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)

**"Be Now My Vision"**

*Slane*

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

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*One:* We believe that questions are a building block of faith.

*Many:* **"How many times should I forgive?"**

**"Jesus, where are you going?"**

**"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"**

*One:* We believe that humble curiosity can open our eyes.

Many: "Where does it hurt?"  
 "What do you need?"  
 "How can I help?"  
 We believe that God is a teacher.  
 "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."  
 "Here I am."  
 "Send me."

One: We believe that faith invites our whole being to engage,

Many: **with all our heart,  
 with all our mind,  
 with all our strength.**

One: We believe. Help our unbelief.

Many: **In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

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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." If you are worshiping online, you can use the chat feature in Zoom. Please be mindful of other people's preferences about physical contact. If you prefer not to shake hands, you can let others around you know by pressing your palms together in front of your heart (as if in prayer).*

## SONG OF ADORATION

"Santo Santo"

*Text and music: Anon., Argentina*

¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de-cir: san - to e - res Dios.  
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

## **✠ LISTENING**

*for our Still-speaking God*

### **WORD FOR CHILDREN**

Brandy McDonald

*Children ages 3-1st grade are welcome to attend Kids Worship after the Word for Children. Children are walked up by staff/volunteer.*

### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Judy Willingham

**Psalm 119:9-16** (*Page 703 in The New Century Hymnal* **read responsively**; all join in singing the refrain as indicated by the symbol R.)

**Matthew 18:15-22** (*Second Testament page 18 in the pew Bible*)

### **SERMON**

Sue Zschoche

*"The Mathematics of Forgiveness"*

## **✠ RESPONDING**

*in hope and thanksgiving*

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Prefer to make an electronic contribution? Scan the QR Code at right with the camera on your smartphone to be taken directly to our donate page or visit [uccmanhattan.org/giving](http://uccmanhattan.org/giving) to learn how to set up automatic giving. Thank you for being a part of our ministry.*



### **OFFERTORY**

*"A Gaelic Blessing"*

Choir

John Rutter

### **✠ DOXOLOGY**

Here we pause in our sojourning, giving thanks for having come,  
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide us safely home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the love I've known.  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

*Adapted from "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing" by Robert Robertson*

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*You are invited to type your prayers into the chat.*

*We respond: Merciful God....**hear our prayer.***

## **PRAYER OF JESUS** *(said in unison)*

*You are invited to use whatever name for God you find most meaningful (Mother, Father, Creator, God, Friend, Holy One, etc.). Together, our names for God will create a beautiful chorus reaching out to the Holy.*

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and  
come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test,  
strengthen us.  
From trial too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and  
forever. Amen.**

*This version of The Lord's Prayer is from  
A New Zealand Prayer Book from the Anglican Church.*

## **GOING FORTH**

*to be messengers of good news*

### **✦ HYMN**

**"Christ Beside Me"**

*Bunessan*



# 164 Christ Beside Me

C C/E Dm7/F G7 F/C C

1. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me,  
 2. Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
 3. Christ be in all hearts think - ing a - bout me,  
 4. Christ be - side me, Christ be - fore me,

C Em Am C/E Am/F# Gsus G7

Christ be - hind me— King of my heart;  
 Christ all a - round me— shield in the strife;  
 Christ be on all tongues tell - ing of me;  
 Christ be - hind me— King of my heart;

C F Dm7 C/E Am D/F#

Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,  
 Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my sit - ting,  
 Christ be the vi sion in eyes that see me,  
 Christ with - in me, Christ be - low me,

Em/G C F G7 C

Christ a - bove me— nev - er to part.  
 Christ in my ris - ing— light of my life.  
 in ears that hear me Christ ev - er be.  
 Christ a - bove me— nev - er to part.

WORDS: Adapt. James Quinn, alt., from St. Patrick's Breastplate.

MUSIC: Trad. Gaelic melody, Arr. Jack Schrader.

† The prayer "Christ beside me" is taken from the longer prayer *I Bind Myself Today*. Consider singing the middle portion, while reading the beginning and end of the prayer.

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

*New to First Congregational? We'd love to meet you. Use the QR code at right to complete a Connect Card.*



### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### ✦ CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL BENEDICTION

*(Sung two times)*

#### "Ubi Caritas"

Refrain

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written for a choir in 2/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the staves. There are some musical notations like a 3-measure rest and a repeat sign.

Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-8; *Where charity and love are found, God is there*; Taizé Community, 1978  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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## POSTLUDE

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## TAKE TIME FOR TAIZÉ

Join us on third Thursdays 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, MARCH 17***

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
- 12:00 noon Fellowship Hour
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping



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[facebook.com/uccmanhattanks](https://facebook.com/uccmanhattanks)*

### ***MONDAY, MARCH 18***

- 5:30 p.m. UFM Yoga Class, Blachly Room

### ***TUESDAY, MARCH 19***

- 11:30 a.m. Book Study, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Fiber Fellowship, Blachly Room

### ***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20***

- 12:00 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Cabinet meeting, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Turning Point AA meeting, Blachly Room

### ***THURSDAY, MARCH 21***

- 7:00 p.m. Taizé Worship, Pioneer Hall
- 7:30 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Andover Hall

### ***FRIDAY, MARCH 22***

- 7:30 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Andover Hall

### ***NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – PALM SUNDAY***

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice
- 9:30 a.m. Palm Parade (start at City Park, south shelter)
- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
- 12:00 noon Fellowship Hour
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping

**Easter Potluck Breakfast** – We will be having Easter Potluck Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 31. Bring your favorite breakfast dish to share and if you're able to help with set-up or clean-up, please let Judy Ahrens know.

Ecumenical Campus Ministry at Kansas State University is a cooperative ministry supported by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the United Church of Christ, and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For more information on ECM's activities and schedules, please visit us on Facebook (ECM at K-State) or at [www.ksu.edu/ecm](http://www.ksu.edu/ecm)



## Generosity Spotlight — This week we give thanks for....

our fabulous Zoom helpers. Each week we have a screen sharer and Zoom greeter who sign up to everything run smoothly for our Zoomers during worship. They greet newcomers and share other helpful tips in the chat. They also share images on the screen throughout worship so our at-home worshipers don't have to juggle a bulletin and a computer screen to follow along with worship.

Thank you for Being the Church!

## Volunteers for Sunday, March 24

*Greeter:* Susanna Gilmore

*Reading Scripture:* Brent Maner

*Word from Children:* Children's Choir

*Fellowship Host:* Bethany Stock

*Zoom Greeter:* TBA

*Zoom Screen Sharer:* Kerri Keller

*Tech Team:* Anne Fredrickson, Craig Weston

Visit  
[uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups](http://uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups)  
to volunteer.

**Staff Availability** — Pastor Caela is away from the office from March 11-17 for vacation. Caela will not check e-mails, text messages, or voicemails during this time. If you have a pastoral care need during this time, please contact Pastor Sue or one of our Ministers of Care.

### ***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.***

**Nametags = Hospitality** – Nametags are such an important way to show hospitality on Sunday mornings. They help visitors and guests as they are getting to know our names AND they are very important aids for those in our congregation who are living with memory loss. Please do remember to grab your nametag when you come into the building on Sunday mornings and if you need a nametag, please contact [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org) to request one!

**K-O Newsletter** – Are you up-to-date with the work of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference of the United Church of Christ? We encourage you to sign up for their bi-weekly eNews where you'll get to read inspiring messages from our conference staff and leaders. It's wonderful to hear about what is going on in other congregations around our conference and get to know other people who are a part of the wider UCC. You can sign up on their website: <https://kocucc.org/>

**Easter Lilies** – As we prepare our hearts during Lent, First Congregational UCC also prepares for Easter Sunday on March 31st. We would like to join together to provide a display of beautiful lilies for Easter Sunday! Lilies are available for a suggested donation of \$10. We encourage you to donate in dedication or honor of a loved one. You can take your lilies home after worship on Easter Sunday.

You can place your order using the form in the church bulletin on Sunday morning or by emailing [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org). Please indicate in whose honor or memory the order is being given. Your dedication will appear in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, contact the church office.



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If you would like to dedicate a lily, please complete this form, and return it to the church office or place it in the offering plate along with the suggested donation of **\$10.00** for each lily. If donating online at [uccmanhattan.org/giving](http://uccmanhattan.org/giving), please indicate “Easter lily” in the “add note/comment” area.

(Pollen is removed before placing lily in sanctuary.)

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Appreciation of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Holy Week info** – Holy Week is almost here. Please save these dates and plan to join us in-person or online. You'll find more details about all events at [uccmanhattan.org/holy-week](http://uccmanhattan.org/holy-week)

♣ Palm Sunday, March 24 - ecumenical parade from City Park at 9:30 a.m., worship at 10:45 a.m., kids' Walking through Holy Week immediately after worship

☪ Maundy Thursday, March - simple supper and communion around tables at 6:00 p.m. OR- download an at-home liturgy on our website

✝ Good Friday, March 29 - come-and-go prayer vigil in the sanctuary with music and scripture from noon-1:00 p.m. -OR- login to the regular worship Zoom to drop in

💧 Holy Saturday, March 30 - Lighting of the Paschal Fire (7:49 p.m.) at Tuttle Creek Overlook

✿ Easter Sunday, March 31 - potluck breakfast at 9:30 a.m. followed by festival worship with brass, flowering of the cross at 10:45 a.m. (in-person or via Zoom) with kids' Easter Egg Hunt to follow

\*\*\*If you have any questions or concerns about accessibility at (especially at our off-site events), please reach out to Pastor Caela or Sue so we can answer your questions and do our best to provide accommodations.\*\*\*

**New or New-ish?** – We'd love to host you for an informal welcoming dinner. Jack Systma has graciously offered to host some new folks for dinner and conversation on Saturday, April 13th at 5:00 p.m. If you're interested, please reach out to [office@uccmanhattan.org](mailto:office@uccmanhattan.org) or Jack himself for the details.

**Easter Egg Hunt!** – It's almost here! Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for kids after worship on Easter Sunday, March 31st. Kids who want to participate are encouraged to bring their own Easter basket (or other container) for hunting. We'll release the kiddos by age and cross our fingers for good weather. Thank you to our youth group for stuffing the eggs for this event!



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## Wandering Heart: "Teach me"

### Teach Me

Teach me about the ways of the wind,  
about the ways of the world,  
about the ways of the heart.  
Teach me about the soft crook of my lover's arm,  
and the way two souls can hold each other close.  
Teach me about forgiveness, about the language of *I'm sorry*  
and the softness of sincerity.  
Teach me about abundance, about *seventy-times-seven*  
and *all the days of my life*.  
Teach me about joy, about its contagious weaving  
and its soul-healing.  
Teach me about mercy, about open hands and deep breaths.  
Teach me about the dawn of time and the stars in the sky.  
Teach me what matters most.  
Teach me what is mine to do.  
Teach this achingly curious heart  
until I run out of questions  
or I run out of days.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
and I will have a life well-lived.



### about this week's symbol

**Open book:** Peter's posture toward Jesus is that of an open book. He is eager to learn from Jesus all he can glean. In this week's text, he wants to know all about the nature of forgiveness and grace.



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## Wandering Heart: "Teach me"



### Seventy-seven Times

by Lauren Wright Pittman

Inspired by Matthew 18:15-22

Digital painting

When I'm creating a mandala inspired by a text, I'm able to zoom out and see the bigger picture, and the image itself ends up looking like a bird's eye view, which I think is a helpful perspective sometimes. In this mandala, I wanted to follow a person through the process of reproof, forgiveness, reconciliation, and restoration as Jesus describes in Matthew 18. In the center, a person is standing alone, isolated, with their arms crossed in a closed-off posture. If you're sinned against, Jesus says to go and "point out the fault when the two

of you are alone" (Matthew 18:15). When you move to the second ring of the mandala, there are pairs of people shaking hands, finding common ground, or at least attempting to. If this doesn't work, then you are to bring more people (one or two more) together to provide counsel and witness. In the third ring of the mandala, two people are engaging with the closed-off person, sharing a way forward. In the next ring hyacinth flowers—which represent sorrow, regret, and forgiveness—stretch, bloom, and grow, bringing beauty into the now open arms of the people in the last ring of the mandala, who are embraced and woven into the community. The person from the center goes from being alone and closed-off to embraced and open.

When I was drawing the figures from the center out, it began to look like a dance. Is this the picture that grace paints? Forgiveness cannot happen in isolation and certainly neither can reconciliation nor restoration. The movement toward wholeness is the movement toward one another.

Perhaps craving more tangibility and practicality, Peter asks how many times he should forgive someone who has wronged him, and Jesus says, "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times" (Matthew 18:22). This piece contains seventy-seven people and flowers to represent the abundance of grace that Jesus calls us into. The gold represents the divine presence of empathy, compassion, grace, and love throughout this dance from isolation toward community, from brokenness toward wholeness, and from guilt and shame toward freedom.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman





*Seventy-seven Times* by Lauren Wright Pittman



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