

"My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust."



JANUARY 22 2023, 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 encourage you to sign in using our online connect card at uccmanhattan.org/online. If you're worshipping 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 worshipping 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) 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.

Thank you for caring for others by observing our health protocols available at uccmanhattan.org/covid.

**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 ----

Word for Children: Brandy McDonald

Reading Scripture: Rick & Gayle Doll

Zoom Greeter: Linda Thurston

Fellowship Host: TBA

Sanctuary Greeters: Rick & Gayle Doll

Flowers: TBA

Tech Team: Kerri Keller, Jason, Jo, Henry Maseberg-Tomlinson

GATHERING MUSIC

Tower Chimes

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

“The Peaceable Things”

Mary Ellen Sutton, organ
Christiansen

CALLED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

One: Come, all you whose cups overflow and you who are feeling parched:

Many: **God's love carries us through.**

One: Come, all you who aren't sure about anything and you who stand secure:

Many: **God's presence will be our guide.**

One: Come, all you who have big dreams and you who can barely see through today:

Many: **God's Spirit gives us the vision.**

One: Come, worship the One whose light has dawned and whose realm has come near.

Rev. Teri Petersen

✦ **HYMN 12** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Ellecombe

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

✦ **WE THANK AND BLESS OUR CHURCH LEADERS**

Thanksgiving for Those Completing Service

Moderator: Friends, we celebrate with joy and gratitude that you were called by God and chosen by the people of First Congregational UCC for leadership in the church.

Pastor: Your ministry has been a blessing, an honor, and a responsibility. Your work during this time has been a celebration of your special gifts even as it has pushed you outside of your comfort zone

People: **We thank you for your service and we challenge you to continue to offer your best to God, and to all God's people.**

Commissioning of Church Officers

Moderator: As we come to assume the duties of our new offices, or as we continue in the duties that we are already fulfilling, let us make a covenant before God and one another.

Pastor to Officers: As a disciple of Jesus Christ, will you continue to live out your faith with praise and thanksgiving? Will you carry out your responsibilities in this congregation with integrity and joy?

Officers: I will, with God as my helper.

Pastor to Congregation: Will you, as the people of First Congregational UCC honor the leadership of these people? Will you assist them through daily prayer, generous support, and personal example, so that, together, we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ?

People: **We will, with God as our helper.**

PRAYER *(in unison)*

**Loving God, you have called these people to serve you.
Send your Holy Spirit upon them and upon us all
that we may keep the promises we have made today.
Help them to fulfill their responsibilities.
May their leadership help us all
to reflect your love and grace always.
Amen.**

✦ **ACT OF PRAISE**

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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

Rick & Gayle Doll

Psalm 91 (*Page 681 in The New Century Hymnal. Read responsively, the
Congregation reads the indented portion of each verse.*)

Matthew 4:1-17 (*Second Testament page 3 in the pew Bible*)

SERMON

Rev. Caela Simmons Wood

“From Water to Wilderness”

RESPONDING

in hope and thanksgiving

MISSION MOMENT: YOUTH SERVICE LEARNING TRIP

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 to learn how to set up automatic giving. Thank you for being a part of our ministry.



OFFERTORY

“I Will Arise”

Choir
arr. Parker/Shaw

✦ 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 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.

**Our God 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 messengers of good news

✦ **HYMN 468** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)
 "The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young"

Crimond

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

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✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

(Sung two times)

C G/B Am Em Em7 F G9/F C C#dim7

Let us live in the light, let us love in the light, and

Dm Am/E Dm7/F F#dim Gsus G Csus C

let the Spir - it do its work in us.

✦ **POSTLUDE**

“My Soul Exalts the Lord”

Pachelbel

Permission to print the music in this service obtained from One License with license #A-710121.

Volunteers for Sunday, January 29

Sanctuary Greeters: Judy Ahrens, Julie Appino

Word for Children: Brandy McDonald

Reading Scripture: Judy Ahrens

Sanctuary Flowers: _____ *needed*

Fellowship Host: Judy Ahrens

Zoom Greeter: _____ *needed*

Zoom Screen Sharer: Kerri Keller

Sanctuary Tech Team: Jason, Jo, and Henry Maseberg-Tomlinson

Visit
uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups
to volunteer.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word

Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary

- 3:00 p.m. Youth Ice Skating
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 11:30 a.m. Bible Book Club, Zoom

*Join us on Facebook at
facebook.com/uccmanhattanks*

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

- 12:00 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Conference Room
- 7:00 p.m. Turning Point AA meeting, Andover Hall

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

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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



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Have you considered a legacy gift to our congregation? Contact the Church Office or a member of our Gifts, Investments, & Endowments Committee to learn more about how your gift might help ensure a vibrant ministry through First Congregational for many generations to come.

Congregational Meeting – Our January Congregational Meeting is today, immediately following the service. Join us in-person (childcare is available) or in the same Zoom room we use for worship. You'll find that link at <http://www.uccmanhattan.org/online>. All are welcome to attend and members will also be invited to vote. We will be receiving the 2022 annual report and approving the final budget for 2023. Copies of the budget are available to preview now.

Women's Basketball Outing Feb. 12 – We're heading out to support K-State women's basketball together on Sunday, February 12th for a 1:00 game. All ages are welcome and we plan to sit General Admission. RSVP using the QR code at right so we know to look for you that day. You can also let us know if you'd like us to order your ticket or if you're bringing your own. We'll meet up at the northwest entrance to Bramlage at 12:45 to distribute tickets and find seats together. Look for us near the parking lot.



Questions? brandy@uccmanhattan.org. If cost presents a problem, please reach out to Pastor Caela for a promo code. We want to be sure everyone who wants to is able to attend!

KIFA Advocacy Day – Join the 2023 KIFA Advocacy Day at the Capitol on Monday, Feb. 6th to advocate for KIFA's legislative priorities together! Join others from around the state for meetings with legislators, inspiring activists, and community building. Pastor Caela plans to attend, so if you have questions, please reach out! RSVP at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/2023-kifa-days>.

Snow Removal – How many Congregationalists does it take to keep it from snowing? 😊 Sign up to help shovel snow and maybe we can find out (get it? like, if you sign up to shovel the snow then it WON'T snow, right???)

If you're able to help clear the walks at church, we'd be grateful. The parking lot is cleared, so this is sidewalks only (by the entrance, along Poyntz, and along Juliette). if you have questions about specifics, please let us know. You can sign up to be on "snow duty" for a week at a time on our Sign Up Genius. <https://www.uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups>.

An Invitation from Our Youth – Our youth are hard at work to reach their \$3000 fundraising goal for their summer service learning trip to Albuquerque. Josh shares:

"Be the church! This statement is something that we, the youth of our church, hear often. We use some of the actions associated with being the church, like forgiving our siblings. But other actions seem much more complex and confusing, we don't always know how to care for the poor, or fight for the powerless.

By attending the Be the Neighbor service-learning trip this summer we will not only help others by participating in a service project, but also, learn how we can return to our church with a new awareness, understanding, and vision to work for justice in our community. Allowing us Be the Church!

Please consider making a contribution, to help us experience this amazing learning and growth opportunity and be able to make our church stronger when we return."

You can donate by writing a check with "ABQ" in the memo OR by visiting givebutter.com/MHKtoABQ. Thank you for your support!

Dreaming with Di – Today at our semi-annual congregational meeting, our congregation will be voting to approve a budget with a deficit of more than \$30,000. This is not the first year for our church to approve a deficit budget, so please understand that this is not a time to panic, however, your church leadership does want to continue focusing on how we can most faithfully steward our resources, particularly when it comes to fundraising outside of the annual pledge campaign. To begin this process, I will be holding a meeting on February 5th directly after worship. Lunch will be provided, and anyone is welcome to attend. Please know that by attending this meeting you are not automatically signing yourself up to be on a fundraising committee, rather you are helping provide input and direction on what kind of fundraising efforts and opportunities fit our church's mission, vision, and culture. If you plan to attend, please let me know at diane.hinrichs@pawnee.org so I can make sure we have enough food for everyone, but no one will be turned away.

- Di Hinrichs-Toburen, Moderator

MHK to ABQ



support our youth service learning trip

Help us reach our goal!

Our youth are traveling to Albuquerque this July for a service learning trip with Be the Neighbor.

**GOAL:
\$3000**



Learn more on the back of
this flyer and donate today!
givebutter.com/MHKtoABQ

About our partner: Be The Neighbor is a justice-based service-learning trip ministry empowering youth and adults to put faith into action through service and justice in ways that are relational, sustainable and dignity-affirming, and equips groups with biblical, theological, and social tools to make service and justice a way of life. Be the Neighbor is affiliated with the UCC and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

HOW TO GIVE

Write a check to FCUCC with "ABQ" in the memo.
Donate at givebutter.com/MHKtoABQ



TO SHOW OUR GRATITUDE

A donation of:

Earns:

any amount

your name on "wall of fame" at uccmanhattan.org

\$50

above + digital crisp high five (thank you video)

\$100

above + a Zoom call while we're in ABQ

\$250

above + dinner with us after we return

\$500

above + we'll hand-pick a souvenir for you on our trip!

MHK TO ABQ BY THE NUMBERS

2 vans

6 days

11 participants

1404 miles



\$6900 total cost

\$3500 contributed by families

\$500 budgeted by Board of CE

\$3000 fundraising goal

Matthew 4:1-17

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; ⁹and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."



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