for all the saints

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 hope you'll sign in using either the black pew pads or our Connect Card at uccmanhattan.org/connect. 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 the usher know. Hearing assist devices, wheelchairs, and walkers are available. If you need to step out of the service for any reason, we can set up a tablet where you can continue watching the service from the lobby. The elevator provides access to all three floors of the building. Diaper changing stations are located in both restrooms on the main floor. Our lower level has wheelchair-accessible, all-gender restrooms.

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.

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: Jack Sytsma
Screen Sharer: Jack Sytsma
Word for Children: Barbara Crooks, Jameson McDonald
Reading Scripture: Leslie Bell
Tech Team: Maseberg-Tomlinson Family
Fellowship Host: Krista Danielson

☙ GATHERING *in the presence of God*

GATHERING MUSIC Tower Chimes

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC Mary Ellen Sutton, organ
"Dedication (1978)" Sutton

If you have a prayer you'd like shared aloud during Prayers of the Church, you may write your prayer on one of the blue cards found in the pew backs. Please place your completed card in the offering plates when they are passed.

CALLED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

One: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,
Many: **we gather as your people, O God.**
One: Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,
Many: **we gather as your people, O God.**
One: Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,
Many: **we gather as your people, O God.**
One: Made strong in your endless love for us,
we know ourselves to be yours and
Many: **we gather as your people, O God.**
One: May we truly become your people today.
Many: **Amen.**

Adapted from Seasons Online

✧ **HYMN 376** *(The New Century Hymnal)*
"God, We Thank You for Our People" *Holy Manna*

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

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Opening in Song

Many: ***For all the saints who from their labors rest,***
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: With thanksgiving on our lips,
We sing praise for the feet of the saints
Many: **who walked this path long before us**
who pointed out this path to us
who cleared the path with us.
One: With thanksgiving on our lips,
We sing praise for the wisdom of the saints
Many: **who shared their vision of God's ways**
who lived faithfully by God's ways
who loved God all the way.

Sung Response

Many: ***You were their rock, their refuge, and their might:***
You, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
One: We come into this sacred space mindful of the generations of faith who have come before us:
Many: **adults and children,**
certain and questioning,
supportive and challenging,
hopeful and despairing.
One: We give thanks for the welcome all receive from you, Divine Beloved, and for the ways we continue to be enfolded into community.
With grateful hearts, we name the members of our congregation who have joined the Great Cloud of Witnesses this past year:

Margery Bayer
Trish Dolan

You are invited to remember - aloud or silently - the names of other people who have died in this past year. If you're on Zoom, please type the name(s) into the chat.

One: With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the many people who have gone before us, and are with us even now: saints who have tried to live God's love every day, and with their lives have shown us how to be followers of Jesus.
Many: **Thank you, God, for all the saints. Amen.**

Sung Response

Many: ***Still may your people, faithful, true, and bold,***
live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and share with them a glorious crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Liturgy adapted from Rachel Hackenberg
Hymn: "For All the Saints," words by William W. How, tune SINE NOMINE

✦ Exchanging the Peace

One: May 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).

✦ 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

Barbara Crooks, Jameson 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

Leslie Bell

Revelation 7:9-17 *(Second Testament page 231 in the pew Bible)*

Holy Sharing & Listening — Rev. Caela Simmons Wood

- The person whose first name comes first in the alphabet, will be the first speaker.
- One minute to prepare to speak and prepare to listen.
- First speaker shares. The listener listens. Nonverbal encouragement is fine, but no spoken responses.
- If the speaker finishes early, return to silence.

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

Offertory — Choir

"Shine Like the Sun" — arr. Karen E. Black

✧ 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.

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.

If you are worshiping at home, please use any elements you have available. If you are joining us in the sanctuary, we will use gluten-free elements. The cup contains grape juice.

The Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: God is in this place.
Many: **And in our hearts.**
One: Open yourself to the nudging God.
Many: **We feel the breath of the Spirit.**
One: Remember God made flesh.
Many: **Jesus, who taught us a new way.**
One: Tender, transforming God, you have invited us to gather at this table, to taste the feast, the same abundant promises offered to our ancestors in faith.
Time and time again you've offered your grace.
Many: **You continue to call us to be your people. You have never left us. We praise you for second, third, and fourth chances.**
One: You are ever-patient, always faithful.
Many: **We give thanks for this time of celebration.**
One: For the One this meal remembers.
For the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
With those who have gone before us, Whose hands touched the bread, Whose lips embraced the cup, We give thanks as we proclaim together the mystery of faith:
Many: **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.
One: God of all, make us mindful of your Spirit with us now in this sacred moment. As we eat the bread and drink of the cup, make us one with the saints, and with our kindred in faith around the world.
Many: **Help us to know you.**
To be guided by the Holy Spirit.
And to live as Christ.
Now and forever.
One: Gathered together at Christ's table with one another and with the Communion of Saints, let's share this feast.
Many: **This is the bread of life.**
This is the cup of salvation.

Adapted from Rev. Scott Ressman

Sharing Gifts of Food and Communion

*As we share Communion, you are invited to "fill the breadbasket." The gifts shared support the work of the **Blessing Box** ministry of this church.*

✧ **Hymn** *(all join in singing Hymn #793)*
"Santo, Santo, Santo"

✧ **Hymn 330** *(The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.)*
"Let Us Break Bread Together" *Let Us Break Bread*

Prayers of the Church

Zoomers, please type your prayers into the chat. If you do not want your name read aloud, please send your prayer as a direct message to the pastor.
*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.). If you speak a language other than English, please pray the prayer as you know it. We welcome other languages. Together, we 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*

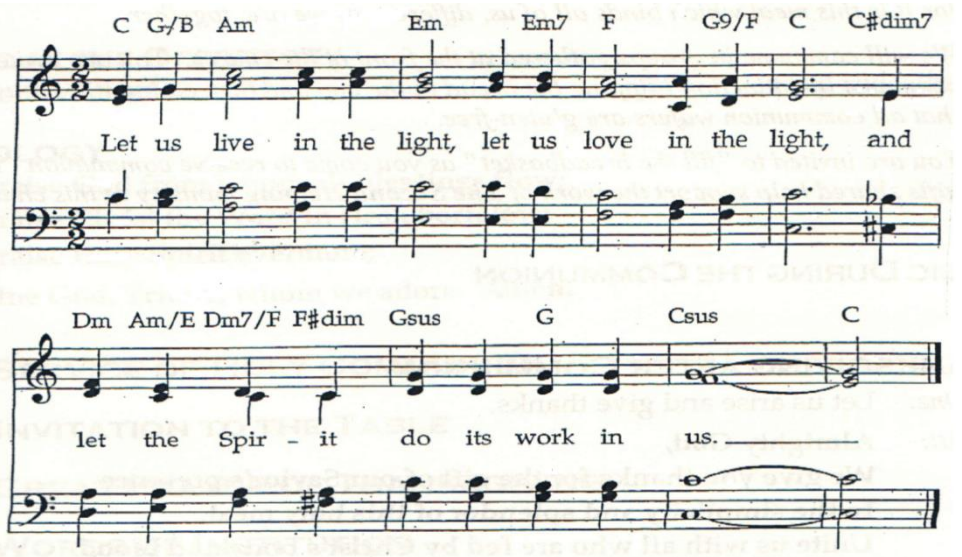
✧ **Hymn 295** *(The New Century Hymnal)*
"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" *Grand Isle*

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)*

"Let Us Live in the Light"

Postlude

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Manz

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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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Join us on Facebook at facebook.com/uccmanhattanks

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:30 a.m. Choir practice
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament
Fill the Blessing Box
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour
Be the Neighbor interest meeting

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

5:30 p.m. UFM Yoga Class, Blachly Room
6:30 p.m. Actors Theatre Rehearsal, Theatre Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

11:30 a.m. Book Study, Zoom
12:15 p.m. UFM Yoga Class, Blachly Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

11:30 a.m. Lunch Bunch @ Olive Garden
12:00 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Andover Hall
5:15 p.m. Board of Deacons meeting, Zoom
5:30 p.m. Board of Christian Education meeting, Zoom
6:30 p.m. Board of Mission meeting, Zoom
7:00 p.m. Turning Point AA meeting, Andover Hall

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5–OFFICE REMOTE

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6–OFFICE REMOTE

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10:00 a.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Conference Room

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

8:30 a.m. Choir practice
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
Youth Donuts & Conversation
10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour
2:00 p.m. Meeting, Theatre Room

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

Volunteers for Sunday, November 8

Greeter: Brent Maner
Reading Scripture: Brent Maner
Fellowship Host: Brandy McDonald
Zoom Screen Sharer: TBA
Tech Team: David Simmons Wood

Visit
uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups
to volunteer.

Generosity Spotlight – This week we give thanks for....

our tech team. We have a group of volunteers who make the magic happen at the back of the sanctuary each week so folks are able to worship at home. This small-but-mighty team signs up to serve about once a month. They arrive early to set everything up, keep the cameras rolling, adjust the audio system as needed, and handle those unavoidable technology kerfuffles with grace.
Thank you for Being the Church!

Fill the Breadbasket – On the first Sunday of each month you're invited to help us "fill the breadbasket" by bringing a food donation for The Blessing Box. Our Blessing Box is used virtually every single day by our neighbors. Thanks for keeping it filled! You can view a list of the needs here: https://www.nourishtogether.org/programs/blessing-boxes

2027 Nominations – Interested in serving in a leadership position at First Congregational? We are currently seeking volunteers to serve on our boards of Christian Education, Facilities, Mission, Justice & Witness, Deacons, and our Church Cabinet. Click to learn more about opportunities and share your interests: http://uccmanhattan.org/boards

Lunch Bunch: Nov. 4 @ Olive Garden

Lunch Bunch is an amorphous group of members and friends of Manhattan's First Congregational UCC. It gathers once each month for lunch and conversation, serious and silly. Please join us on the first Wednesdays of each month. Come every time, or whenever you can. We begin at 11:30 a.m. to order off the menu; some linger to 1:00, or so. The restaurants chosen vary from month to month, and from year to year.

Wed. Nov. 4	Olive Garden	715 Tuttle Creek Blvd.
Wed. Dec. 2	Early Edition - East	600 S. 4th St. (Ft. Riley Blvd at 4th St)

Be the Neighbor - For All Ages! – Interested in service-oriented work that helps you build knowledge and skills to better serve your Manhattan community? You are in luck, Be the Neighbor (a group you may recognize as one we work with for trips with our youth) is hosting a Justice 101 trip in Kansas City! There are many ways this trip can happen, from weeklong service trips this summer to a weekend or day trip between now and April. We will have a meeting during fellowship November 1st to gauge interest and share general information. If you have specific questions or are interested but can't make the meeting, please contact Jess Hemmer!

Save the Date: Congregational Meeting – Join us on Sunday, Nov. 15th immediately after worship for our November Congregational Meeting. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary and you can attend remotely via Zoom by staying in the same Zoom room that we use for worship (http://www.uccmanhattan.org/online). All are welcome to attend and members will also be invited to vote. We will be previewing the 2027 budget and approving the slate of officers for 2027.

Hard copies of the draft budget and slate of officers will be available in the office. If you need a digital copy, please contact the church office so we can email you a link.

Pax Silica – **Saturday, November 14th 5:45-7:45 pm, at UUFM**

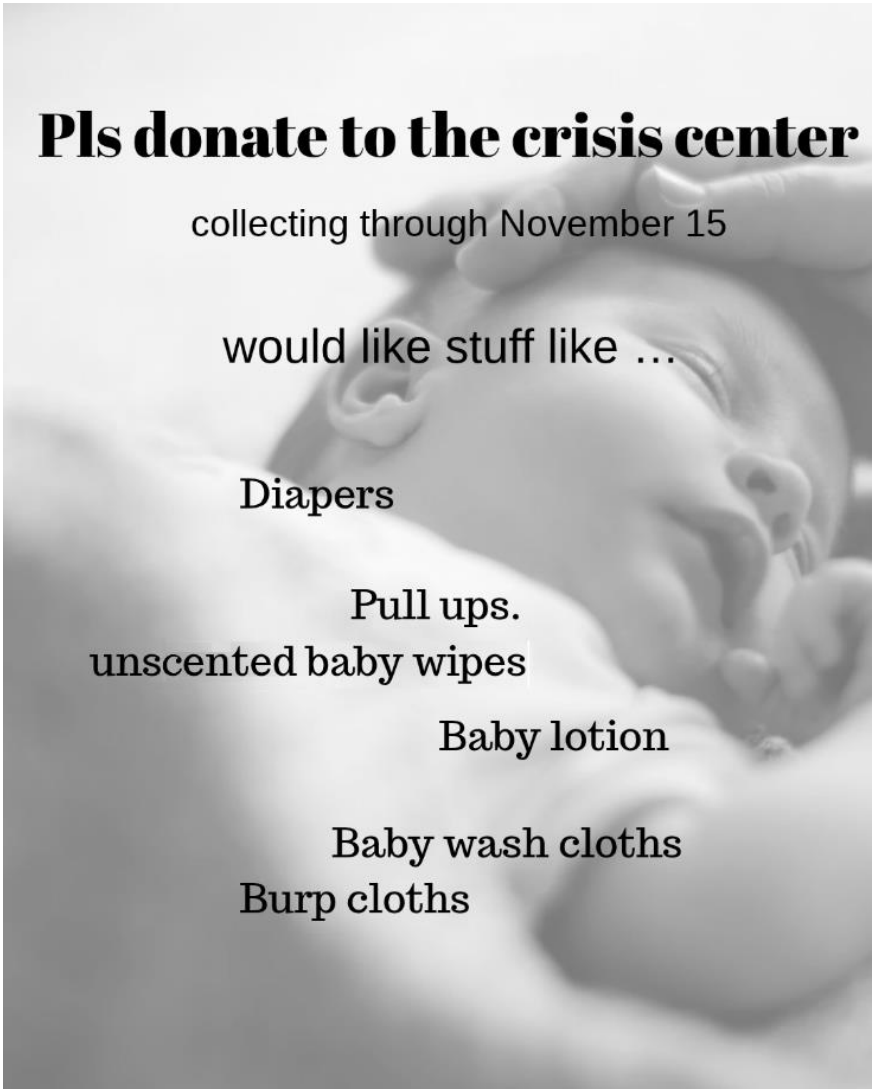
The Manhattan Interfaith Justice Team (a team with members from UUFM, Manhattan Mennonite and First Congregational) has learned of an opportunity to be in solidarity with those in the Philippines who are working for justice around the issue of a US-led initiative called Pax Silica.

Pax Silica is an international initiative to secure global supply chains for artificial intelligence, semiconductors, and critical minerals.

The rapid development of this initiative by powerful countries and multinational corporations
threatens to both displace indigenous people from their ancestral domain and to cause environmental harm.

Please save the date of November 14th to join us, Amelia Richter, and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, to hear more about this issue. Many of us know Amelia from her time here in Manhattan, working on social issues in our churches. She is arranging a Zoom meeting with the NCCP in the Philippines to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Thinking of You – Is there someone in our congregation that you haven't seen in a while and you'd like to let them know you're thinking of them? Consider dropping them a note using the green postcards in the pew backs. You can write your message and then the church office will address and stamp the card and get it in the mail. Please be sure to include YOUR name so they know who it's from! Just drop it in the offering plate any time.



November 1, 2026

"Partners in Service"
Matthew 23:1-12

Long before he was Pope, a priest called Francis developed a prayer he called the five-finger prayer. On this All Saints Day, it's a good way to call to mind those saints in our lives and in the world who have led the way in the faith.

Hold your hands palm down in front of you, and look at your fingers one by one, beginning with your thumb, which is the closest to your heart.

Thumb: Pray for those closest to you. Pray for those in your chosen family, or for your close friends.

Pointer finger: Pray for those saints who have pointed you in the right direction. Pray for older relatives, wise teachers, good employers, and thoughtful mentors.

Middle finger: This finger stands tall. Pray for the saints in leadership in your community and the world. Pray for those in business, government, and church leadership whose decisions affect so many.

Ring finger: This finger is the weakest of all the fingers. Pray for those on the margins, pray for the oppressed or the downtrodden. Pray for the ill and the dying. Pray for the addicted and the imprisoned.

Pinky finger: This finger is the smallest. This is where you put your prayers for yourself.

In today's scripture story, Jesus teaches the crowds and disciples about servant leadership. He showed them that when we are followers of Christ, our words and actions need to be consistent. As we pray this prayer, we can get clearer about who are the ordinary, everyday saints in our lives and the world. We can better understand who those are who walk their walk and talk their talk, those saints who have something to teach us here and now.

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