



FEBRUARY 5, 2023 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. 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) 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: Pastor Caela

Zoom Greeter: Jason Maseberg-Tomlinson

Sanctuary Greeters: Gayle & Rick Doll

Tech Team: Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson, Janet George, Carol Sevin

Communion Servers: Julie Appino, Kerri Keller

Reading Scripture: Jim Lewis

Fellowship Host: Gayle & Rick Doll

Flowers: TBA

GATHERING MUSIC

Tower Chimes

WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC

“Adoration”

Mary Ellen Sutton, organ
Price

CALLED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Leader: The living word speaks:

Lectern: offering nourishment for growing life,

Pulpit: pointing toward the narrow gate,

Zoom: firming up our foundation.

Leader: The living word calls:

Lectern: do unto others...without making it about you,

Pulpit: use your energy where it matters, for good,

Zoom: be doers of the word, not only hearers.

Leader: The living word promises:

Lectern: seek God's realm and you will find,

Pulpit: God is the giver of every good gift,

Zoom: building up in love creates a new world.

Leader: Let us hear and follow the living word.

✦ **HYMN 43** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Beecher

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

✦ **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 worshipping 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**

“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.

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Mission Statement

The mission of our church 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.

☞ LISTENING

for our Still-speaking God

WORD FOR CHILDREN

Pastor Caela

*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

Jim Lewis

Psalm 37 (*Page 646 in The New Century Hymnal. Read responsively, the
Congregation reads the indented portion of each verse.*)

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29 (*Second Testament page 6 in the pew Bible*)

SERMON

Rev. Caela Simmons Wood

“The Rest is Commentary”

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**

"Somebody's Knockin'"

Choir
arr. Sondra Tucker

✦ 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 worshipping 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.

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

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

One: Let us give thanks for God's unfailing love.

Many: **God's love endures forever.**

One: Let every heart be lifted up

Many: **Let us prepare to receive our Christ.**

One: God of all creation, from the beginning you have made this world in love, and you have created us to live in love. We see your glory in the tender orchid, in the thunderous storm, in majestic mountains and the glittering expanse of the sea.

All of life is sustained by your Divine Breath, who you sent among us on the day of Pentecost. We rejoice in the works of your hands, and it is

right and good for us to give thanks to you, in all times and in all places, with joyful and grateful hearts.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels, and across the span of time and distance in the great cloud of witnesses that is your living Church, a unified chorus of praise:

Many: **Holy, holy, holy God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your sacred breath.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.
Hosanna in the highest!**

One: All glory and honor are yours, O God, for you bring life from death, joy from suffering, and dancing from mourning. We give thanks that abundant life is made known to us and present within us in Jesus, who has come to live and die as one of us. By him and with him and in him, the web of your love is made whole. Jesus gathered his disciples and said, "Remember me." And so we do. We remember that he gathered not only his friends but even his betrayer around a common table, sharing the gifts of wheat and vine, the firstfruits from the earth. We remember that he offered himself to us, that we may follow him even beyond death into your eternal love. Gather us now at your table, O God, that we may be sustained in our journey of faith.

Many: **May these gifts of the earth be for us the gift of your goodness made present, made known. And grant that we who eat this feast may be filled with your life and goodness.**

One: The table is prepared. These are the gifts of God for the people of God;

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Adapted from Danielle Shroyer

SHARING GIFTS OF FOOD AND COMMUNION

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 488** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)
 "Be Still, My Soul"

Finlandia

**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 Spirit do its work in us. _____

✦ **POSTLUDE**
"Impromptu"

Coleridge-Taylor

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 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. Dreaming with Di
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping



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facebook.com/uccmanhattanks*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

KIFA Advocacy Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
- 12:45 p.m. Women's Basketball outing, Bramlage
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping

Volunteers for Sunday, February 12

Sanctuary Greeters: _____, _____ *2 needed*

Word for Children: Brandy McDonald

Reading Scripture: Leslie Bell

Sanctuary Flowers: _____ *needed*

Fellowship Host: Christian Ed Friendship Donuts

Zoom Greeter: _____ *needed*

Zoom Screen Sharer: Kerri Keller

Sanctuary Tech Team: Anne Fredrickson and Craig Weston

Visit
uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups
to volunteer.

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.

Adult Sunday School – Join us in person or by Zoom for a continuation of No Other God. Today was the 7th Commandment - Thou shalt not commit adultery. We will continue through the Commandments until Lent, Feb 26. We then will discuss *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. This promises to be an interesting look at the Crucifixion. If you would like a book, please let Pastor Sue know.

Tuesday Book Club – We meet on Zoom every Tuesday from 11:30-1 pm. We are discussing an amazing book by Marcus Borg, *The God We Never Knew*. This book is generating rich discussions on how we believe in God. Is it the same belief from our youth? Please let Pastor Sue know if you would like a book.

Dreaming with Di – At our congregational meeting on January 22, we approved 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 am holding a meeting today directly after worship. Lunch is 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.

– *Di Hinrichs-Toburen, Moderator*

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!

Ministers of Care – 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.

When we become aware that someone is in need of additional support, we will ensure that they have a point person from the Ministers of Care. That person may visit in person, call on the phone, send notes, or otherwise check in to see what this person might need. When it seems appropriate they will also expand the circle of care by inviting others in the congregation to show support in whatever way needed (notes, visits, prayers, meals, etc.).

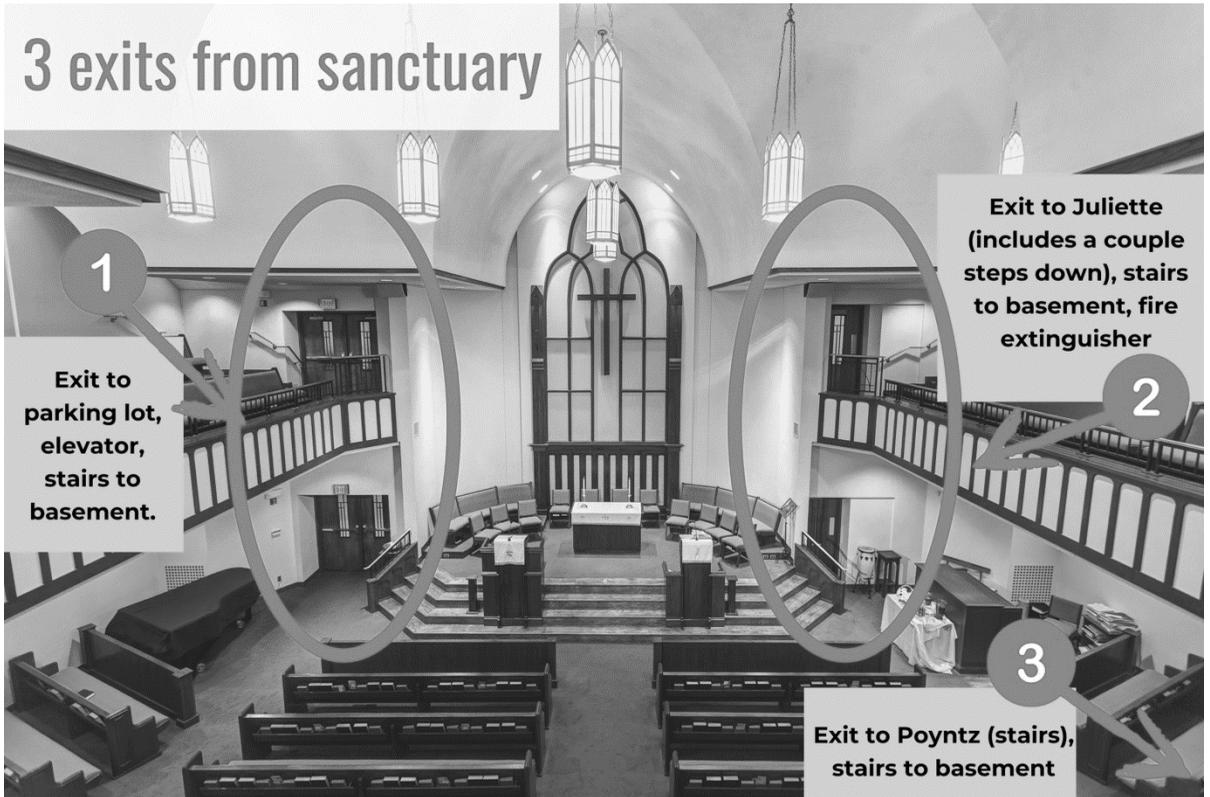
If you know of someone in our congregation who is in a time of transition or needs additional support, please contact one of the Ministers of Care or the church office. Current ministers of care are Julie Appino, Deane Lehmann, Brent Maner, Cassidy Moreau, Stephanie Reeck, Mary Ellen Titus, and Linda Thurston.

Festive Feasters – As a church we seek to “bear each other’s burdens and share each other’s joys.” What better way than by sharing a meal? Festive Feasters is a way for people who worship together to get to know one another on a social level.

In February, people sign up as individuals, couples, pairs, or families and are placed in a Festive Feaster group. Then you are matched up with a group of 4 – 6. The first person, group, family, or couple in a group “hosts” the meal for the first month, contacting others to set up a date and time. The host typically prepares the main dish, and others provide salads, vegetables, desserts, etc. However, with Covid, there are a few more options like enjoying a picnic outdoors – especially as the weather warms up! Host responsibilities then rotate over the coming months. When the cycle is complete, usually in late spring, the group dissolves. There are no set rules. Groups can meet in many ways. Some hosts invite the group to their home; others might organize a picnic in the park or a meal in a restaurant for a Dutch-treat breakfast, lunch, or dinner. For those that are being more cautious with Covid, perhaps a walk or a meet-up in the park! Great way to start to rebuild or make new friendships.

Deadline to participate is: Feb. 26th and you must complete the online form at: <https://bit.ly/festivefeasters> (or call the office for assistance) to be put in the group that best fits you!

EMERGENCIES DURING WORSHIP



Building Evacuation

Exit Locations (3)

- Two in front on either side
- One at rear on right
- All exits lead to building exit
- All exits lead to basement stairs
- **Remember-the closest exit may be behind you**
- **Proceed to rendezvous at stone barn building across the parking lot.**

Fire- Call 911

- R.A.C.E.- Rescue, Alarm, Close doors, Extinguish/Evacuate
- Fire extinguisher- P.A.S.S.- Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep
- If an alarm sounds, evacuate immediately. Stay calm
 - Move toward exits in a calm and orderly fashion
 - Assist anyone with mobility concerns
 - Do NOT attempt to retrieve your children from the nursery. Childcare staff will evacuate the children and take them to the rendezvous location.
- Do not use elevators
- Move away from the building to the stone barn building across the parking lot.
- Do not reenter the building until the all clear has been given
- If smoke is encountered while evacuating stay close to the floor
- Use the back of your hand to feel closed doors and door handles for elevated heat.
 - If door or handle is hot, do not open it. Seek another exit.
 - If the door and handle are cool, open it slowly with caution.
- Remain sheltered until the all-clear has been given

Severe Weather

- Move toward closest sanctuary exits in a calm and orderly fashion
- Take stairs to basement
- Assist anyone who may have mobility concerns
- Do NOT attempt to retrieve your children from the nursery. Childcare staff will take the children to the basement.
- Stay away from windows.

Violent intruder

- **Run-** Evacuate immediately and run away from intruder
 - Alert anyone along your evacuation path of the intruder
- **Hide-** Find a place out of the view of the intruder
 - Close, lock, and block entry to your hiding place
 - Turn off lights and silence phones or other devices.
- **Fight-** As a last resort, do anything that may interrupt their concentration or ability to continue any violent actions
 - use whatever is available to hit or throw at the intruder
- **DO NOT** attempt to retrieve your children from the nursery. Childcare staff will follow the lock down protocols for their safety.
- When safe for you to do so, call 911

Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29

¹“Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. ²For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. ³Why do you see the speck in your neighbor’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how can you say to your neighbor, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ while the log is in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor’s eye. ⁶“Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

⁷“Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

¹²“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. ¹³“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road is easy that leads to destruction, and there are many who take it. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the road is hard that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. ²⁵The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. ²⁷The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—and great was its fall!” ²⁸Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, ²⁹for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.



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