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APRIL 13, 2025, 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.

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
Fellowship Host: Katie Smitherman
Tech Team: Henry, Jason, Jo Maseberg-Tomlinson

Word for Children: Palm Parade
Reading Scripture: Jim Mock
Screen Sharer: Kerri Keller

WELCOME

CALLED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

One: On this day, Jesus marched

Many: **in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.**

One: On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

Many: **So may we meet Christ in that liminal space. May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.**

One: Hosanna in the highest!

Many: **Hosanna in between!**

CENTERING MUSIC

"The Holy City"

Mary Ellen Sutton, organ
Adams

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 19:29-40 (*Second Testament page 79 in the pew Bible*)

Jim Mock

WORD FOR CHILDREN AND BLESSING THE PALMS

Palm Parade

✦ **HYMN 213** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Ellacombe

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

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*said in unison*)

All: **We believe that many years ago
a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.
We believe that on that day the people cried out, longing and
praying for a better world.
We believe that these longings
came from a place of deep hope,
and we believe that hope cannot be silenced. So we listen for the Spirit.
We sing Hosanna. We pay attention.
For in between the silence and the song,
we believe the Spirit is speaking.
Amen.**

✦ 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 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

"Sign Us with Ashes" v. 2



Gath - er your peo-ple, mer - ci - ful God,
gath - er the long - ing, the lost, and un - sure.
Gath - er your peo-ple, mer - ci - ful God,
name us and claim us as yours.

🌀 LISTENING

for our Still-speaking God

WALKING THROUGH HOLY WEEK

Jesus' Baptism
Jesus' Teachings
The Last Supper
The Crucifixion

MISSION MOMENT: BOARD OF MISSION

Julie Hunt

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

“Ave Verum”

Choir
W. A. Mozart

✦ 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 Mother, who is in heaven and within us,
we call upon your names.
Your wisdom come. Your will be done,
in all the spaces in which you dwell.
Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.
Remind us of our limits as we give grace to the limits of others.
Separate us from the temptation of empire,
and deliver us into community.
For you are the dwelling place within us,
the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us,
now and forever.
Amen.**

*A womanist version of the prayer by the Rev. Yolanda Norton,
used at Grace Cathedral for the Beyonce Mass.*

✦ HYMN 222 (The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.)

"My Song is Love Unknown"

Rhosymedre

**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

"Ubi Caritas"

Refrain

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

The first system of musical notation for the refrain of "Ubi Caritas". It consists of a treble and bass staff in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are dashed boxes around the notes for "et a - mor," in the treble staff and "and stead - fast" in the bass staff.

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

The second system of musical notation for the refrain of "Ubi Caritas". It consists of a treble and bass staff in 2/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. There is a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff for "dwell with you." marked with a "3" above it.

POSTLUDE

"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

Burkhardt

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THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY

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

- 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
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group @ Common Table

MONDAY, APRIL 14

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service, Pioneer/Blachly
- 7:30 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Andover Hall

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Come and go Prayer Vigil, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Andover Hall

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 - HOLY SATURDAY

- 8:09 p.m. Paschal Fire at Tuttle Creek Overlook

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:30 a.m. Choir Practice
- 9:30 a.m. Potluck Easter Breakfast
- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
Brass in Service
- 12:00 noon Easter Egg Hunt

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, April 20

Greeter: Eiselein Family

Reading Scripture: Eiselein Family

Fellowship: Easter Egg Hunt

Zoom Screen Sharer: Kerri Keller

Tech Team: David Simmons Wood

Visit
uccmanhattan.org/sign-ups
to volunteer.

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

the wonderful group of humans who volunteer to teach our children. Each week we are treated to the sounds of excitement and joy in our building as kids ages 3 through 5th grade gather for Sunday School during the 9:30 hour. Our fabulous Director of Children's Ministries, Brandy, recruits and supports a team of volunteers to teach Bible stories, create crafts, sing songs, and complete monthly service projects.

Thank you for Being the Church!

Holy Week – Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 13 and culminates in our Easter celebration on April 20. We also have opportunities to observe Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Visit our website uccmanhattan.org/holy-week for details.

Easter Sunday – Join us for a celebratory Easter morning on April 20.

At 9:30 a.m. we'll have a potluck breakfast in our fellowship hall. Bring your favorite breakfast food to share and we'll have the coffee ready for you. Please bring your own table service to help us care for the environment and simplify clean up.

Easter worship is at 10:45 a.m. in our sanctuary or via Zoom. We'll have special music with our brass ensemble and our tradition of flowering the cross. We encourage you to arrive EARLY to enjoy music from the brass beginning around 10:30 a.m. Plan to stick around for the Kids' Easter Egg Hunt immediately after the service.

Please note: The office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 21st.

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

Benevolence Fund – Our Benevolence Fund is used to help people in our community in need of one-time or infrequent financial assistance, including legal fees for immigration. Our Mission Board will share more about this in worship on Sunday. If you would like to contribute to the benevolence fund, you can do so on our website or via check. Just ensure you put "benevolence" in the check memo or online note/comment.

Grow Green is BACK! – First Congregational will be among the wonderful organizations supported by the Grow Green fundraising event sponsored by the Greater Manhattan Community Foundation. The big day is Tuesday, April 22, 2025! Donations will support our ongoing engagement in the heart of Manhattan and repairs to our beloved historic building. Donations of \$25 to \$1,000 will be matched at 50%!! Gifts need to be made on April 22 to qualify for the match, and they can be made online (www.GrowGreenManhattan.com) or in person (at GMCF, 555 Poyntz Avenue, open from 7AM to 6PM).

We are so grateful for the many donors who have given to the Church in the past and for those who have made this year’s match possible. Questions? Reach out to Brent Maner, Treasurer, or Rick Doll or Susanne Gilmore as members of the Gifts, Endowments, and Investments Committee. To learn more and make your giving plan, visit our website: (uccmanhattan.org/news/growgreen25)



Easter Lilies will decorate the sanctuary for Easter. If you would like to dedicate a lily, please complete this form and return it to the church office along with your payment of **\$15.00** for each lily. If paying online at uccmanhattan.org/giving, please “add a message” and indicate the payment is for an Easter lily. (*Pollen is removed before placing lily in sanctuary.*)



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Place in the offering plate or mail to: 700 Poyntz Ave., Manhattan KS 66502

Earth Day Celebration – Need a moment to pause? Wish you could take a breath in the sunshine? Be a part of a shared interfaith service after some optional time outdoors (starting at 3PM) on Sunday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m. at First Christian Church (3001 Grand Mere Pkwy). Come early to play lawn games and other fun outdoor activities starting at 3:00.

Our service includes music, readings and reflections from the host communities. We will share snacks and conversation after the service. All are welcome to join!

This interfaith service is meant as a way to meet each other and create community together. There are many ways we are already interconnected, so let's gather to acknowledge our interconnectedness.

Participating faith communities:

- Baha'i Community of Manhattan
- First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- First Congregational UCC
- Manhattan Jewish Congregation
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Silent Meditation Group – You are invited to join your friends from UUFM in forming a silent meditation group or groups. We will gather once a week to sit silently together. This particular group meditation will not be guided nor will we be meditating on a specific theme or teaching. (Other groups can form around other types of meditation practices as needed.) We will take a few minutes at the beginning to get settled and centered with journaling or breathwork or whatever works for the individual. Then we will be in silence together for 20 minutes or so. I believe you will experience a collective energy or power in being in silence with other people around you that you may not get when you meditate alone.

If you are interested, please contact judynickelson@gmail.com. We will collectively choose a time and place that works best for us all.



TAKE TIME FOR TAIZÉ

Join us on the third Thursday of the month 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.



PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

everything [in] between shouting & silence

If You Really Listen...

In the city you'll hear horns, the clatter of the subway,
 mothers calling to their children, saying, "Take my hand before we cross the street."
 You'll hear church bells, Salvation Army bells,
 people asking for spare change, while others ask for directions.
 You'll hear the whistle from the traffic cop,
 the exhaust from the bus,
 that a train is arriving in two minutes.
 You'll hear mothers selling fresh mango,
 theater kids selling tickets,
 and religious groups selling ideas.
 But even with all that shouting,
 even with all that noise,
 the birds still sing.
 Against all odds,
 thanks be to God,
 the birds still sing.



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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.

holy week

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 13

9:30 a.m. Ecumenical Palm Parade from City Park south shelter
10:45 a.m. worship in-person - OR- via Zoom

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:00 p.m. simple supper and communion around tables
- OR- download at-home liturgy

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

12:00-1:00 p.m. come-and-go prayer vigil in our sanctuary - OR- Zoom

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

8:09 p.m. (sunset) Lighting the Paschal Fire at Tuttle Creek Overlook

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

9:30 a.m. Easter Potluck Breakfast
10:45 a.m. Easter worship in-person -OR- via Zoom
Noon(fish) kids' Easter Egg Hunt right after worship



Toward Jerusalem

by Lauren Wright Pittman

uccmanhattan.org/holy-week

PALM / PASSION SUNDAY

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“I Believe” by Steve Prince

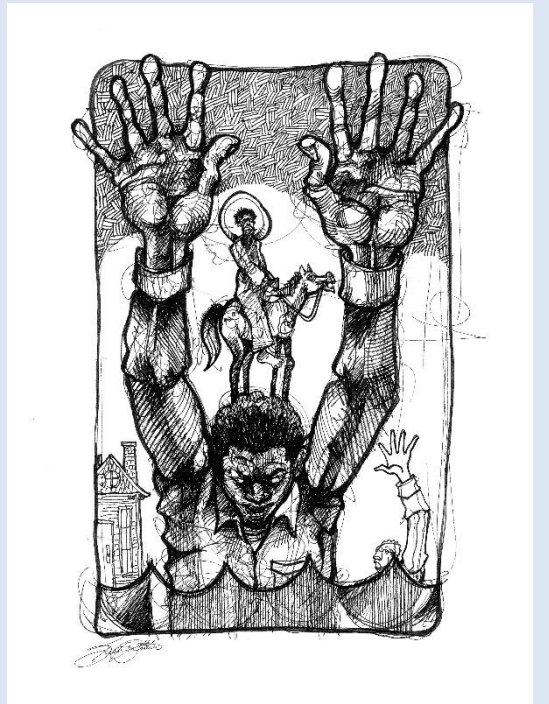
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Inspired by Luke 19: 29-40

Pen and ink on paper

From the artist

It is said that the true confession that flows from one's heart and lips and professes that they are a sinner and desire to be healed, is essentially the key to unlocking one's salvation. Amid a sometimes turbulent and chaotic world, if we enter with faith and Christ in our hearts we shall be delivered. The figure's hands are lifted in praise as he navigates the flood of life which can be overbearing. He recognizes that the flood of life is symbolic of sin and separation from God. He closes his eyes, humbles himself before God, and he is delivered into a new chapter of his life, triumphant.



Prompts for contemplation

- Look closely at the waves. What does the flood of life represent for you?
- Notice the contrast between the house on one side and the man on the other. What emotions or thoughts do these images evoke?
- How does the image of Jesus on a donkey influence your understanding of this scene? What do you make of its placement in this work?
- Notice the abstract shaded area at the top. Does it feel like a cloud, storm, or something else? Does this texture remind you of God's presence?



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