



love | joy | peace | patience | kindness  
generosity | faithfulness | gentleness  
self-control

JUNE 26, 2022, 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 on the lawn 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 have special needs**, 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.

**Thank you for caring for others by observing our health protocols available at** [uccmanhattan.org/covid](http://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:** Judy Ahrens

**Sanctuary Greeters:** Judy Ahrens, Jennifer Edwards

**Flowers:** TBA

**Fellowship Host:** Kids & Youth

**Zoom Greeter:** TBA

**Tech Team:** Kerri Keller, Anne Fredrickson, Jason, Jo, and Henry Maseberg-Tomlinson

**GATHERING MUSIC**

Tower Chimes

**WELCOME**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

Mary Ellen Sutton, organ  
Bach

“I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ”

**CALLED INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

*One:* Come, all who are hungry. God sets a table before us.

*Many:* **Christ invites us to taste the goodness that springs forth from the earth.**

*One:* The fruits of the Holy Spirit are

*Many:* **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.**

*One:* Bring your baskets for harvest.

*Many:* **Hold them out to receive these gifts.**

*One:* Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

*Many:* **We are here. We are ready to worship. We are ready to give and receive.**

✦ **HYMN 32** (*The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.*)

**“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”**

*Roeder*

✦ *Indicates all who are able, please stand. We invite you to sing loudly in your heart but **quietly** with your mouth as we limit the amount of aerosols released into the air. You could also consider simply mouthing the words or humming quietly.*

✦ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit.**

**We know the whole law is summed up**

**in the single commandment**

**to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

**Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility.**

**Even in our own back yard we “bite and devour” one another.**

**We wish it were different.**

**When Jesus calls us to follow him,  
we find every excuse to take a detour,  
yet we yearn to be more centered in You.**

## **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

*One:* Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arm redeems the people.

*Many:* **God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray.**

*One:* We need but ask and we are forgiven

*Many:* **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Adapted from the Rev. Catherine Rolling*

## ✦ **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**

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. If your family hasn't yet completed the COVID Screening Questionnaire for 2021-22, please scan the QR code to complete or walk with them up to Kids Worship to fill out a hard copy.*



### **SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Judy Ahrens

*Psalm 77 (Page 668 in The New Century Hymnal **read responsively**; all join in singing the refrain as indicated by the symbol R.)*

*Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (Second Testament page 179 in the pew Bible)*

### **SERMON**

Sue Zschoche

## **☪ 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 PayPal 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.*



### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*"My Lord, What a Morning"*

Gretchen Lewis  
arr. Jay Althouse

### **✦ 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.**

## ✦ **HYMN 498** *(The New Century Hymnal located in pew backs.)*

**"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

*Chereponi*

*We invite you to sing loudly in your heart but **quietly** with your mouth as we limit the amount of aerosols released into the air. You could also consider simply mouthing the words or humming quietly.*

## **GOING FORTH**

*to be messengers of good news*

**SHARING OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY.**

**CHALLENGE SPIRITUALLY. MINISTER FERVENTLY.**

## ✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

# ✦ CONGREGATIONAL CHORAL BENEDICTION

(Sung two times)

## "Let Us Live in the Light"

The image shows a musical score for a congregational choral benediction. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Let us live in the light, let us love in the light, and let the Spirit do its work in us." The piano accompaniment features chords and arpeggiated patterns. The first system ends with a fermata over the final chord, and the second system continues with a similar accompaniment.

Chords for the first system: C, G/B, Am, Em, Em7, F, G9/F, C, C#dim7

Chords for the second system: Dm, Am/E, Dm7/F, F#dim, Gsus, G, Csus, C

## POSTLUDE

"If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee"

Mary Ellen Sutton  
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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**

### ***THIS SUNDAY, JUNE 26***

- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping

### ***TUESDAY, JUNE 28***

- 11:30 a.m. Book Group, Zoom

### ***WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29***

- 7:00 p.m. Turning Point AA meeting, Blachly Room

### ***THURSDAY, JUNE 30***

- 7:00 p.m. Prayers and Fellowship, Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. MOA Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Conference Room

### ***FRIDAY, JULY 1***

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

### ***NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 3 – SHARED WORSHIP***

- 10:45 a.m. Service of the Word
- 12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hour
- 6:00 p.m. Second Helping

### ***MONDAY, JULY 4 – INDEPENDENCE DAY***

Office Closed



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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.*

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**New to First Congregational?** – We'd love to meet you. Text "I'm new" to 785-380-7772 or complete a connect card using the QR code at left.

## Volunteers for Sunday, July 3

*Greeters:* \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ 2 needed

*Word for Children:* Brandy McDonald

*Reading Scripture:* \_\_\_\_\_ needed

*Sanctuary Tech Team:* David Simmons Wood

*Zoom Greeter:* \_\_\_\_\_ needed

*Zoom Screen Sharer:* : \_\_\_\_\_ needed

*Sanctuary Flowers:* Judy Ahrens

*Fellowship Hour Host:* \_\_\_\_\_ needed

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

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**Summer Fun** – Join Pastor Caela and other friends from First Congregational for some fun on the town this summer. Stop by for conversation or prayer. Grab a quick blessing on your way somewhere else or stay for a spell. Upcoming opportunities to connect:

 Tuesday, July 19, 8:00-9:00 p.m. at Tuttle Creek Observation Point (bring a chair and enjoy the sunset together)

**Save the Date** – Join us next Sunday, July 3rd, for a special shared worship service with our friends from the Manhattan Mennonite Church. Our congregations have partnered for years on Second Helping and it's going to be so lovely to get together for worship and Communion. Bob and Melissa Atchison will be leading the music that day and it's going to have a folk/Americana theme. You don't want to miss it!

**We're Hiring!** – Help us find out next part-time youth director! This position is approximately 8-10 hours/week and the right candidate needs to love working with middle and high school youth, be LGBTQ-affirming, and excited to be a part of First Congregational. We are seeking applicants from outside our congregation and the application deadline is July 11, 2022.

Who do you know that might be a great candidate? Or that might know a great candidate? Please invite them to visit our website and apply for the position.

**Staff Availability** – Pastor Caela will be on study leave from June 23-28 and on vacation from July 4-12. Her study leave will be spent in a silent, guided retreat and class at the Sophia Center in Atchison as a part of her training to become a spiritual director. During these two weeks Caela will not be checking e-mail, text messages, or voicemail. If you have a pastoral care need during this time, please contact one of our Ministers of Care, the church office, or Pastor Sue for assistance.

**New Prayer Resource** – After our Lenten prayer vigil in the sanctuary, several people mentioned how much they enjoyed having that quiet space for prayer and meditation. Please know that you're welcome to come use the sanctuary whenever the building is open. If you're coming from a distance, you might want to call ahead to make sure no one else is using the space or to ask for the temperature to be adjusted. Pastor Caela has put together a basket of Prayer Resources that you can use while you're in the sanctuary. There are books featuring the writings of Howard Thurman, Marian Wright Edleman, Henri Nouwen, Rumi, Sarah Bessey, Ross Gay and more. You can also share your written prayers in our spiral bound prayer notebook for others to read, as well. Just grab the basket off the bookshelves in the corner of the main lobby and return it when you're finished praying.

## Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. <sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.



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