



UNITED CHURCH OF CHIRST

Just Peace Open & Affirming

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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are On Life's
Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 29, 2012

*Means those who are able please stand

Songs: SP & P - Sing, Prayer & Praise; NCH - New Century Hymnal

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

Ringing the Bell

Centering Music

Allow the music to help you focus your mind and soul for worship.

Announcements

***Welcoming One Another**

A time to share a hello with your neighbor and introduce yourself to someone you do not know.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

—Hebrews 13:2

***Gathering Song NCH#526 "Siyahamba" S. Afrn. Freedom Song**

Vs. 1 Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos',
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos. (repeat)

Siyahamba, oo-.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos. (repeat)

(Vs. 2 on next page)

Vs. 2 We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God. (repeat)

We are marching, oo-,
We are marching in the light of God. (repeat)

***Words from the Bible** (Phil 4:4, Rom 8:38-39)

Opening Prayer

The Kyrie

Minister: Kyrie eleison.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Minister: Christe, eleison.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Minister: Kyrie, eleison.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of God's Love

Readings from the Bible

-Psalm 84 (p.667-68 of the OT in your pew Bibles)

We will read the psalm responsively. The liturgist will read verse 1. The congregation will respond with verse 2, etc.

-Acts 8:26-40 (p.154 of the NT in your pew Bibles)

Sung Response NCH #765 "Alleluia"

J. Sinclair

Prayers of the People

You are invited to offer joys and concerns aloud for which the whole congregation will pray. If you have something to share, simply raise your hand and a deacon will bring the microphone to you.

Pastoral Prayer

The minister will offer a series of prayers each followed by "Amen," concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a contemporary translation, which we will all pray together.

Our Creator, who is in heaven,

Your name be sanctified!

Your reign come!

Your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven!

Give us today what we need to face the future.

**Release us from our debts to you,
as we have released our debtors.**

Bring us not to a time of testing, but rescue us from evil.

For all good things on earth flow from you, O God, now and forever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

Musical Offering

**"Lay Down Your Troubles"
Chancel Choir**

John Purifoy

***Sung Response NCH #781**

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all creatures here below;

Praise Holy Spirit, evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

***Song** (see insert) “As a Fire Is Meant For Burning” Beach Spring

Sermon “The E-Word” Jonathan Page

Prayer

***Song** (see insert) “Shine, Jesus, Shine” Shine, Jesus, Shine

***Parting Blessing**

Sending Music

Next Week:

Sermon: “Real TV, Real Hunger” Presented by the Youth Group

Texts: Matthew 25:31-46

Psalm 122

Staff

Ministers

The Reverend Jonathan C. Page, Minister
Hannah Hannover, Children & Youth Minister

Secretary

Becky A. Bridges

Organist

Karen Stewart

Music Director

Lesley Lackore

Treasurer

Joel Johnson

Financial Secretary

Nancy Heathman

Nursery Attendants

Mattison Walker, Brittney Rigler, Katy Rude, Abby Sohn

Psalm 84 (to be read responsively)

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

**Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.**

Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!**

Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

**For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than live in the tents of wickedness.**

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
he bestows favour and honour.
No good thing does the Lord withhold
from those who walk uprightly.

**O Lord of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

Today's Ministers of Worship and Hospitality

Liturgist: Ken Birt

Worship Board Member: Walter Anderson

Property Board Member: Dave Cook

Ushers: Walter Anderson, Bruce Hanson

Greeters: Nancy Hart, Woody Hart

Welcome! We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our Worshipers' Roll.

In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability or sexual orientation into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

Nursery Care: We welcome children to stay during our worship service...in fact, we enjoy it! However, if you or your child(ren) would like to use our nursery, there are qualified child care providers during worship for infants and children through Kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building. A parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

Bell Ringing for Peace every Wednesday: Join us at 12:10 p.m. in the UCC bell tower to ring the bell for peace and pray for worldwide peace. The Ames UCC is a just peace church.

Need a Ride to Church in Bad Weather? If you would like a ride to church on snowy or icy days, please call the church to let us know so the Member Services Board can attempt to arrange a ride for you by someone from your part of Ames. Inform us whether you like to be at church at 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., or 10:45 a.m. so we can match you up with someone who also comes at that time. Call the church office at (515) 232-9323 or talk to Kristin Shields or Bill Yungclas.

To Contact The Reverend Jonathan C. Page:

During regular office hours or at any time, if the matter is not urgent, call the church. Please leave a message if The Reverend Jonathan C. Page is not available. If it is an emergency, don't hesitate to call his cell phone at 203-815-3816. Email: jon@amesucc.org

Calendar for the week of January 29, 2012:

Sun., Jan. 29		Potluck and Annual Meeting
Mon., Jan. 30	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary Arts
Wed., Feb. 1	7:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Youth Group
	6:45 p.m.	Chancel Choir rehearsal
Thurs., Feb. 2	3:00 p.m.	Bible Study
	7:15 p.m.	Property Board Meeting
Sat., Feb. 4	10:00 a.m.	Meals on Wheels -Shields & Potter/Anderson
Sun., Feb. 5	8:00 a.m.	Member Services Board Meeting

Announcements

Jonathan Page will be out of the office from Wednesday February 1 through Wednesday February 8. If there is a pastoral emergency during that time, please contact Hannah Hannover at (515) 408-0228.

AMOS Lobby Day is Wednesday, February 1. AMOS supporters will gather at the Calvary Baptist Church, just below the State Capitol building on E. 9th and Des Moines Street in Des Moines. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. for a briefing and strategy session. Then we will all go together to the Capitol and begin our lobbying efforts. To carpool please contact Joyce Hertz, 292-7782, jhertz@midiowa.net; or Jan Flora, floraj@iastate.edu.

ISU UCC Student Group

The first meeting of Students For Progressive Christianity, the soon-to-be-formed student group at ISU will be Thursday February 1 at 7:14pm on campus. Location TBD. Contact Rev. Jonathan Page (jon@amesucc.org) or Nick Grall (nick.grall@gmail.com) for more information.

Attention Super Bowl Fans

Sunday, February 5 is the annual "Soup"er Bowl of Caring! Bring your pantry donations before you cheer on the Patriots on Sunday afternoon. All of the items will be divided between MICA and Bethesda Food Pantry. Items that are needed at this time: tuna, peanut butter, rice, soup, boxed meals, all hygiene products, laundry detergent, baby formula, diapers & wipes. The youth will provide the "sermon" and share some statistics and talk about hunger --so come out to support them! Let's see if we can beat last year's totals which were \$380 and 100 food items! This is a great way to start Super Bowl Sunday.

Putting Together a New Church Directory 2012 by Olan Mills

Be sure to sign up for your Olan Mills portrait following worship. The deadline for family appointments is January 31. You can contact the church office to make an appointment and there also will be opportunities to make an appointment on line. Actual pictures to be taken February 15 – 17, 2:00 - 9:20 p.m., and February 18, 9:30 a.m. to 5:10 p.m. Every family photographed receives \$25 credit towards purchase and a free directory. All portraits have a protective coating against sunlight and moisture. Special military pages available. If you are not able to have a photo taken with Olan Mills, you may submit digital pictures to be added to the directory. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lori Coyle at 515-268-9297 or loriluanncoyle@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed! The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (UUF) in Ames will host the **Love Responsibly Silent Auction** on Thursday, February 9 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. It will benefit the Living with HIV program of Mid-Iowa Community Action. Volunteers are needed for all aspects of the event. Please donate your time to this worthy cause. Contact Fred Johnson at f.johnson1943@gmail.com.

Ames Electric Services is giving a special offer through March. In addition to its regular free home energy audit with custom report, it is offering a free blower door test for all homes regardless of age. Do not forget to check out the incentives and rebates for residential and business customers at www.cityofames.org.