

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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!**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2013

*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

Ring the Bell

***Greeting One Another**

Centering Music "Yours is the Glory, Resurrected One" arr. Alice Jordan
Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 24:7, Psalm 80:3, Colossians 1:12)

Cong'l Response: Alleluia!

***Gathering Song** NCH #253 "Yours is the Glory" JUDAS MACCABEUS

Opening Prayer

Silent Reflection

Readings from the Bible

Psalm 30 (p. 621-622 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Luke 24:13-35 (p. 109-110 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response NCH #236

"Halleluja"

HALLELUJA

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

Children's Message

"On the Road to Emmaus"

Hannah Hannover

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 traditional translation, which we will all pray together.

Our Father 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.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.


Offering of Gifts

“Fill Me, Lord”
Amy Pilcher, soprano

Ruth S. Sandberg

***Sung Response**

“Joy Dawned Again On Easter Day”



O Sov - eraign One, with us a - bide in this our
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; That we may give you
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.

***Prayer of Dedication**

The gift of resurrection reminds us that all we possess comes to us by the grace of God. May these gifts and offerings serve as a token of our love and gratefulness. May they be used to further God's justice and love in the world. May we live in new life and share that life with others. Amen.

***Song (see insert)**

“We Believe, Now See”

WE BELIEVE

Sermon

“The Path to a New Life”

Charles Kniker

Prayer (in unison)

God of all grace, you sent you Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring us new life and the gift of eternal life. By his death Jesus destroyed the power and sting of death and by his resurrection he has opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. With our new lives and the presence of the Holy Spirit, we are certain that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love. Amen.

***Closing Song NCH #451**

“Be Now My Vision”

SLANE

***Sending Blessing**

Parting Music

“Be Thou My Vision”

Paul Manz

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Jonathan Page

Preacher: Charles Kniker

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Lynn Zeigler

Next Week of April 21:

9:30 a.m. - Children's Sunday School: Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6)

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: TBA

Sermon: "Not Just Another Lost Sheep" Hannah Hannover

Texts: Psalm 23, John 10:22-30

Announcements:

Flowers on the communion table are from Barbara Rusk in memory of Carl's birthday, April 14, 1921.

NOTE: Rev. Jonathan Page will be out of town from April 15-22. If you are in need of emergency pastoral care, you may call Hannah Hannover at 515-408-0228.

Congregational Dinners—April 19-21 & 26-28

Volunteers still needed to host. If you have any questions about the dinners, contact Hannah.

Silent Retreat - May 17-18 at Pilgrim Heights

Join us for a meditative retreat on Pentecost weekend. We will leave late afternoon/early evening on Friday, May 17, and return the same time on May 18. This is a time for prayer, silence, and guided reflection, and an opportunity to explore more deeply your relationship with God. Total cost, including meals, is \$60 for double occupancy, \$80 for single. Some financial assistance might be available. Please contact Jon if you would like to sign up. jon@amesucc.org

Attention Team Coordinators: Executive Board meeting is April 16 at 7:15 p.m. Newsletter deadline is April 17.

Ames UCC Book Club

The group welcomes all readers and even those who just want to hear the discussion. The group meets in the church parlor on Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

April 17 – The Round House by Louise Erdrich (2012, 336 pages)