



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!**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 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

Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 103:1, Genesis 1:2, John 16:13)

Cong'l Response: "Come, Holy Spirit!"

***Gathering Song** NCH #293

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

Opening Prayer

Silent Reflection

Readings from the Bible

Psalm 119:1-16 (p. 696 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Acts 11:1-18 (p. 158 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

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the hymn 'Halleluja'. The first staff is a vocal line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja'. The second staff is a guitar accompaniment line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with the same key signature. The lyrics are 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja Hal-le - lu-ja, hal - le - lu - ja'. Chord symbols are written above the guitar staff: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, and A.

Children's Message

"Love One Another"

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

“Sing Allelu” (Ode 40)
Chancel Choir

John Andrew Schreiner

***Sung Response**

“Joy Dawned Again On Easter Day”

O Soy - erain 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 NCH #290**

“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

MORECAMBE

Sermon

“Easter Rules”

Jonathan Page

***Closing Song NCH #300**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

DUKE STREET

***Sending Blessing**

Parting Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Diane Birt

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of May 5 - Graduation Sunday:

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: Kathy Svec, Co-president of the Ames Historical Society will explain what it takes to preserve and share the unique Ames story.

Sermon: "The Man from Macedonia" Jonathan Page

Texts: Psalm 24

Acts 16:9-15

Announcements:

Flowers on the communion table are celebrating Bill and Sharron Slinger's Anniversary and the lives of their children -- Gretta, Jayson, Karina and Nelson; and of their grandchildren -- Cameron, Hannah, Jacob, Cyrus and Royal!

Interfaith Alliance of Iowa - Protecting Faith & Freedom 2013 Annual Award Reception on Thursday, May 2, 2013, 6:30—9:00 p.m., Community Choice Convention Center at Veterans Memorial Ballroom. Featuring: Bishop Gene Robinson and Senator Michael Gronstal. If you'd like to attend the dinner, it is \$75/plate. Contact Jon by email at: jon@amesucc.org The Interfaith Alliance supports the appropriate engagement of religion and politics. It is a strong and necessary voice in Iowa today.

Membership Classes May 5 & May 12: Interested in joining Ames UCC? To become a member, you attend member classes which will take place before worship at 9:30 a.m. on May 5 & May 12. You must be able to attend both classes. If those date do not work for you, let us know and we will work to arrange a more suitable time.

Silent Retreat - May 17-18 at Pilgrim Heights

Join us for a meditative retreat on Pentecost weekend. We will leave late afternoon Friday, May 17, and return 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. Please contact Jon if you would like to sign up. jon@amesucc.org