



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!**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 3, 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

"What God Ordains is Always Good"

arr. P. Manz

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

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 103:1, Exodus 3:5, Galatians 5:1)

Cong'l Response: "We stand before the Lord"

***Gathering Song** NCH #104 "We Hail You God's Anointed"

Ellacombe

Opening Prayer

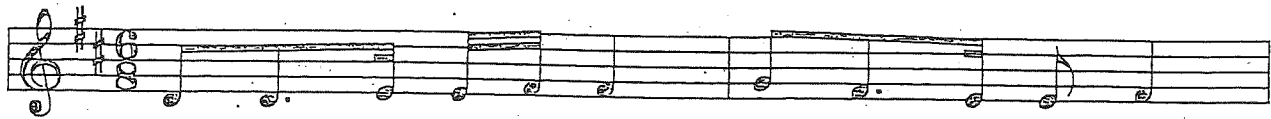
Readings from the Bible

Psalm 62 (p. 647-648 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

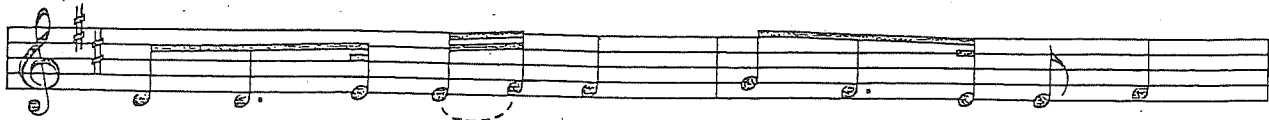
Luke 4:1-13 (p. 74 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

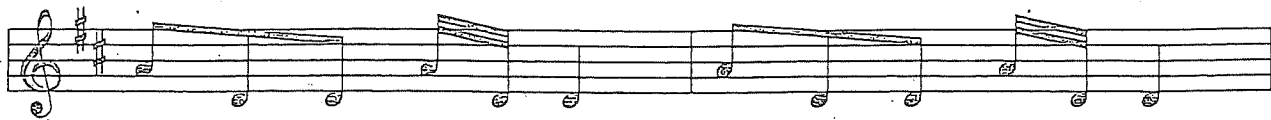
"Morningstar"



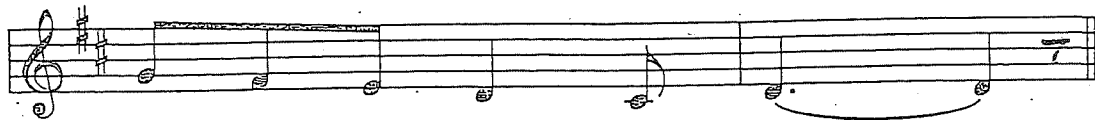
1. You are the Morn-ing - star, You are the Foun - tain,



life breath - ing Spir - it, hope from the moun - tain.



We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.



You are the Morn - ing - star. _____

Children's Message

"SOUP-ER Bowl"

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 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

"I Worship You, Almighty God"

Sondra Corbett Wood

Chancel Choir

***Sung Response**

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore.

***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 NCH #502**

"Dear God, Embracing Humankind"

Rest

Sermon

"Breaking the Cycle of Temptation"

Jonathan Page

Prayer

***Closing Song NCH #407**

"How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation

***Sending Blessing**

Parting Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Paul Lasley

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of February 10:

Children's Sunday School: Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6)

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: UCC Green Justice Team - Mission 4/1 Earth

A Life Of Faith in Room 104

Sermon: "The Day of the Lord" Jonathan Page

Texts: Luke 4:14-30, Psalm 100

Announcements:

ALOF Lent Program: Runs Monday nights *only* at 7:15 p.m. from Feb. 18 through March 25. The course will be on James Martin's *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*. Please buy a copy, or borrow a copy from the Ames Public Library. Contact Jonathan Page if you need assistance covering the cost of the book.

Annual Meeting & Potluck on February 10 following worship. The church officers will present their reports to the congregation and we will vote on the bylaw changes for the new governance structure. A potluck will precede the business portion of the meeting.

Ash Wednesday February 13 at UCC: 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper; 7:00 p.m. Worship with communion. Child care provided.

Theologian-in-Residence Weekend, February 23-24

Copies of the schedule for the weekend may be picked up from the table at the back of the sanctuary. Gary Dorrien, the 2013 Theologian in Residence at Ames United Church of Christ-Congregational, states in his book *Soul In Society: The Making and Renewal of Social Christianity* "A progressive American Christianity that refound its public voice could begin to engender the public debate over inequality that is needed to reclaim the hopes of poor, working-class, and middle-class people for security and justice". What does this mean for our congregation that wants to grow in numbers and be more involved in the community? Come February 23 & 24 to learn from Gary Dorrien, one of the foremost theologians of our time. Gary Dorrien is the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary.