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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 11, 2015

*Those who are able please stand

Songs: NCH – *New Century Hymnal*; SPP – *Sing, Prayer & Praise*

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

RINGING THE BELL

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CENTERING MUSIC

“Be Now My Vision”

arr. P. Manz

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from a prayer by Ted Loder

In the silence, God names us.

In the water, God claims us, that we may know whose we are.

Hear the truth God puts into us, trust the love God has for us—

love we are called to live out in God’s human family.

***GATHERING SONG**

“Be Now My Vision”

NCH 451

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***SUNG PRAYER** “Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart” v. 1

*** ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please share Christ’s peace with one another.

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Hannah Hannover

***SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** “Eternal Light” v.2

Eternal life, raise me from death; Eternal brightness, help me see;

Eternal Spirit, give me breath; Eternal Savior, come to me.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Mark 1:4-15

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“He Came Down”

ELW 253

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SONG**

“Wade in the Water”

SPP 87

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 11,

12:00-1:00p Membership
 Exploration
 (Fellowship Hall)

6-7:30p Youth Group

Monday, January 12

11:45-1:15p AMOS Housing
 (Parlor)

6:00p Pastoral Search
 Committee (Rm. 104)

Tuesday, January 13

12:00p Men’s Fellowship

4:30p Worship & Music
 planning

Wednesday, January 14

8:30a Morning Bible Study
 (Fellowship Hall)

12:00p Women’s Fellowship

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers
 (Bell Tower)

1:00p Assemble Newsletter

2:05p Wed. Afternoon Club

6:45p Chancel Choir
 rehearsal (Music
 Room)

Thursday, January 15

9:30a Wed. AM Work Crew
 (Jan. 15, 22, 29
 & Feb. 5 only)

3:00p INSIGHT study group
 (Rm. 104)

Saturday, January 17

MOW – Clark

10:00a “Easy as Curry” (large
 kitchen)

Sunday, January 18

9:30a Learning Center

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship
 Holy Communion
 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

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 Exploration
 (Fellowship Hall)

6:00-7:30p Youth Group

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Exploration *Today!*

Are you interested in becoming a member, or just curious about what membership means in the UCC? Then come to Membership Exploration Class! These classes will be an opportunity to learn about the church, get to know other newcomers as well as some long-time members, and come away with a clearer sense of your own spiritual journey.

These classes truly are an *exploration*: you don't have to be ready to sign on the dotted line to attend! **Classes are today and January 18 at 12:00-1:00 p.m. on, with lunch and childcare provided.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will come and explore with us!

Annual Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, January 25 at 12:45 p.m.

We will briefly review the work of the church over the past year and vote on some important topics including a decision of whether to engage the support services of the national church for our 125th Capital Campaign as well as some proposed changes to our bylaws. After our usual worship time, we will have a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We will start the meeting immediately after the potluck lunch but not before 12:45 p.m. There **WILL** be childcare.

"Easy as Curry" Dinah Kersieck will demonstrate a chicken dish and one or two vegetarian options which can be used as main dishes or side dishes. We'll also talk about the geographic diversity of approaches to making "curries" around the Asian subcontinent. If interested in participating on Saturday, January 17, at 10:00 a.m., contact Dinah Kerksieck at dinahandbob@hotmail.com or 515-233-3550.

Welcome! 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 fellowship pads.

In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity 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 staffed nursery, it is available during worship for infants and children through kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building, and a parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

Godly Play: Join us during the Sunday School hour for *Godly Play*! On the second Sunday through the end of the month, children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited upstairs to experience a story from the Bible and then create, play, or act out their ideas. The first week of the month will feature *speed rotations*, where children experience a Bible story through an action-packed variety of activities. *Godly Play* is also offered during worship on the first Sunday of each month, following the Children’s Message.

Bell Ringing for Peace: Join us every Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. in the bell tower to ring the bell and pray for worldwide peace. Ames UCC is a Just Peace church, encouraging the interrelation of friendship, justice, and common security from violence.

Communion: Jesus included everyone present in the meals he shared, and so do we. The bread we use is free of gluten, soy, and dairy products (it does contain eggs); and the wine is unfermented (aka “juice”). In our theological understanding, it is not the bread or the wine that is changed in Communion, but *we* who are changed in the sharing of it. If you are here on a Communion Sunday, we hope you will join us in this transformative meal.

To contact the Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore: During regular office hours, if the matter is not urgent, please call the church office or email Terry at terry@amesucc.org. If your situation is an emergency, don’t hesitate to call her cell phone at 415.686.4799.

Program Staff:

Interim Minister.....Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
Minister to Children & Families.....Hannah Hannover
Youth Director.....Emily Kenneke
Choir Director.....Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist.....Karen “Sunny” Stewart

Minister’s of Worship & Hospitality:

Liturgist.....Eric Abbott
Deacon.....Linda Shenk
Greeters.....Kim Spangler, Dinah Kerkseick
Ushers.. Elaine Hieber, Vaughn Speer, Tania Tipton
Coffee..... Kim & Pat Spangler
Welcome Table.....Bill & Barb Yungclas