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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 14, 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

Evocation

Jose Luis Merlin (b. 1952)

Tom Meyer, Classical Guitar

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Adapted from Psalm 92

Sing praise to God in the morning!

Declare God's faithfulness in the night!

With lute and lyre and melody, our glad hearts sing;

We are the work of God's hands, and we sing for joy.

The faithful flourish like palm trees in the courts of God:

May we, like they, be green with life, bearing fruits of faithfulness.

***GATHERING SONG**

"Beautiful Jesus"

NCH 44

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Silent then sung)**

Space for music

***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 MESSAGE

"Multiplying Seeds"

Hannah Hannover

Space for music

SCRIPTURE READING

Samuel 15:34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And God was sorry for making Saul king over Israel.

God said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And God said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to God.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what God commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to God; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely God’s anointed is now before God.” But God said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God does

not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has God chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has God chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “God has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. God said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of God came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus also said, “The realm of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the realm of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

SERMON “Seeds of Mystery” The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

SONG “In the Bulb” NCH 433

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

MISSION MOMENT Capital Campaign Commitment Rachel Schelle

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Two Studies Julio Sagraras (1879-1942) Tom Meyer, Classical Guitar

***SUNG RESPONSE** “Here Are Our Hearts”

COMMISSIONING CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CALLERS

CLOSING PRAYER

SONG

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

NCH76

BLESSING

SENDING MUSIC

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 14

9:30a Worship (Sanctuary)

Monday, June 15

5:30p AMOS Meeting (Parlor)

5:30p ERP (Hieber/Wood)

Tuesday, June 16

3:00p Farm to Folk (FH)

7:15p Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 17

8:30a Morning Bible Study (FH)

9:30a AM Work Crew

10:00a ABC Sale Work Crew (Room 209)

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers (Belltower)

4:00p Theologian in Residence Committee Meeting

Saturday, June 20

9:30a Food at First

11:20a MOW (Shields)

Sunday, June 21 (Capital Campaign

Celebration)

No Communion Today (Scheduled 6/28)

9:30a Worship (Sanctuary)

Sermon: “(Almost) Nothing to Fear but Fear Itself”

Preacher: The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:32-49, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, Mark 4:35-41

10:30a Congregational Meeting

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Worship Time: Our transition to the summer worship schedule begins today, and lasts until the end of summer. Join us for worship at 9:30!

Commitment and Celebration Sundays: In our service today, we celebrate Commitment Sunday. Join us as we celebrate our hard work and commitment to the future of Ames UCC on Celebration Sunday next week, June 21. See your 150th Capital Campaign packets for more information, or contact the office for further details.

Congregational Meeting June 21: The 150th Capital Campaign will conclude on Sunday, June 21. We would like to proceed with construction on some deferred maintenance items (parts of Priority #1), and the Youth Room (Priority #2) in 2015. The purpose of this congregational meeting will be to seek final approval for only these two projects, so that construction can (hopefully) begin in 2015. Other construction related to the 150th Capital Campaign will be finalized and approved by the congregation at a later time.

Terry's Last Sunday June 28: Please stay after worship service for a reception to celebrate Terry's last Sunday with us. Communion Sunday has been rescheduled to that day, as well.

Vacation Bible School: It's VBS time! Our kids will be meeting at First United Methodist Church the week of June 22-26, from 9 a.m. until noon. At "G-Force VBS," kids will explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love, and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. Thanks to everyone who has helped provide snacks for this special week. If you are interested in volunteering any time to help out with the program, please contact Hannah Hannover (Hannah@amesucc.org).

ABC Sale: A very special Attic to Basement Church Sale has been planned for Friday 8/28 and Saturday 8/29. Our very dedicated committee has already begun collecting items, and preparing for the big event. We are accepting most items from around the house, garage, and garden, particularly vintage items. No clothing, please! The committee would like to invite any volunteers, including novice or seasoned "pickers," to help with preparations. They meet in Room 209 every Wednesday morning from 10 a.m. to noon. Please contact Barbara Faidley (Barbara@faidley.org), Barbara Yungclas (Wryungclas@aol.com), or Cornelia Flora (cflora@iastate.edu) with questions, or feel free to just show up on Wednesday mornings, from now until the sale in August. Any amount of time appreciated!

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
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