



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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**No Matter Who You Are Or Where You Are
On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here!**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 21, 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 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" arr. D. Wood
Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship** (adapted from Psalm 148)
Cong'l Response: "Praise God all the heavenly hosts!"

***Gathering Song** NCH #32 "God of the Sparrow God of the Whale" ROEDER

Opening Prayer

Reflecting On Our Humanity

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we come before you adrift, often overwhelmed by life. Having lost ourselves, we mistreat others and dwell in worldly things. Broaden our sight and give us faith to reorient our lives, that we may discover our authentic self, directed towards you; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Readings from the Bible

Psalm 23 (p. 617 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

John 10:22-30 (p. 127 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Scripture Response

"Hallelujah"

HALLELUJA

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

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Chords: A, C#7, F#m, Bm, E7sus4, E7, A

Sermon

"A Different Pair of Eyes"

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." The Lord's Prayer has been moved to the Communion liturgy.

Offering of Gifts

"Canticle of Praise"
Chancel Choir

Ruth Artman

*Sung Response

"Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day"

O Soy - 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**

We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace. Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage; for the sake of Jesus the Christ, our Savior. Amen.

***Song NCH #330**

“Let Us Break Bread Together” LET US BREAK BREAD

Invitation to Communion

Institution Narrative

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,

in 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.

***Distribution of the Elements**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised to us, even as we have honored the ones of courage in our own past, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

***Song NCH #563**

“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

ENDLESS SONG

***Parting Blessing**

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Bradley Duckstein

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of April 28:

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

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: Charles Bruner, Executive Director of the Child and Family Policy Center, will talk about third grade literacy of at-risk children in Iowa and in Ames.

Sermon: "Easter Rules" Jonathan Page; Texts: Psalm 119:1-16, Acts 11:1-18

Announcements:

Communion Offering: Money placed into the communion envelopes in the pews will go directly to help those in need. 75% to Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance and 25% to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

The **flowers** on the communion table are from Tom and Joyce Hertz.

LGBTQ Fellowship meeting today following worship service at 309 Hickory Dr.

Membership Classes 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.

May 5 - 10:45 a.m. Graduation Sunday: We will honor our 3 high school graduates: Dylan Adams, Matthew Coyle, and Nolan Dickson

May 5, 3:00 p.m. - Gay Men's Chorus at Ames UCC

May 17-18 Silent Retreat at Pilgrim Heights: Join us for a meditative retreat on Pentecost weekend. This is a time for prayer, silence, and guided reflection, and an opportunity to explore more deeply your relationship with God.

May 19 - 10:45 a.m. Confirmation Sunday

Confirmation is a special day for the church. Please plan on being there!

May 19 - Strengthen the Church special offering