



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!**

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 17, 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

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

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

***Call to Worship** (Joel 1:14, Isaiah 1:18, Mark 1:15)

Cong'l Response: Create in me a clean heart.

***Gathering Song** SP&P #128 “Change My Heart, O God”

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

Children's Message

"W/WJD?"

Hannah Hannover

Readings from the Bible

Psalm 111 (p. 691-692 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Genesis 39:1-23 (p. 44-45 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Scripture Response

"Thy Word"



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Sermon

"The Year of the Lord's Favor"

Jonathan Page

***Song NCH #485**

"O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

St. Margaret

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

"Go Down in the Lonesome Valley"

Shelby Condray, soloist

***Sung Response (insert)**

"God Gives Us What We Need"

Knicker & Zeigler

***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.

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 (insert)**

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

***Parting Blessing**

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Matthew Ellinwood

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of February 24:

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

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: Dr. Gary Dorrien, Theologian in Residence

Sermon: "The Coin of Caesar and the Kin-dom of God"

Gary Dorrien, Theologian in Residence

Texts: Luke 20:19-26

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.

A Life of Faith (ALOF), Lenten series, Monday, February 18, 7:15 p.m.

Executive Board will meet on Tuesday, February 19, 7:15 p.m.

Lent Soup Supper, Wednesday, February 20, 5:45 p.m.

Lent Worship, Wednesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.

AMOS Meeting: At home of Neal & Jan Flora, 1902 George Allen Ave., Ames, 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 21.

Students for Progressive Christianity (SPC) meet February 21, 8:00 p.m. at Stomping Grounds Café in Campustown.

Dr. Gary Dorrien, Theologian-in-Residence, Saturday, February 23 and Sunday, February 24.

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 March 3 and 10. 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.