



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!**

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 24, 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

"Be Now My Vision"

arr. D. Wood

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

***Call to Worship** (1 Kings 3:9, Mark 12:30, Psalm 1:2)

Cong'l Response: We praise You with heart and mind!

***Gathering Song** NCH #3

"Many and Great"

Lacquiparle

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.

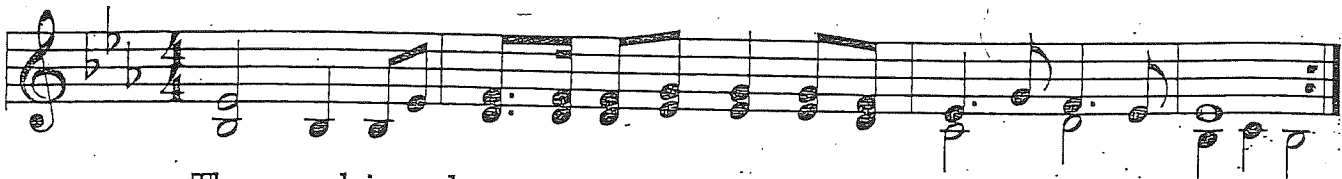
Assurance of God's Love

Readings from the Bible

Luke 20:19-26 (p. 102-103 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

"Thy Word"



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

Children's Message

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 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.

Offering of Gifts

“The Name of Jesus”

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

Melissa Asklof, soprano, Bradley Duckstein, tenor, Matthew Ellinwood, tenor

***Sung Response**

“God Gives Us What We Need”

Kniker & Ziegler

God gives us what we need. A - bun-dant gifts in tru - st. We
pledge to build with words and deeds a world that's blessed and just.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff contains the lyrics: "God gives us what we need. A - bun-dant gifts in tru - st. We". The second staff contains the lyrics: "pledge to build with words and deeds a world that's blessed and just." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

***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 #575**

“O for a World”

Azmon

Sermon

“The Coin of Caesar and the Kin-dom of God”

Dr. Gary J. Dorrien

***Closing Song NCH #451**

“Be Now My Vision”

Slane

***Sending Blessing**

Parting Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Jonathan Page

Preacher: Dr. Gary J. Dorrien, Theologian-in-Residence

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of March 3:

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

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: Church World Service

Sermon: Celebration of Service Sunday

Texts: Acts 6:1-7, Roman 12:3-13

Announcements:

The flowers today express appreciation to all the volunteers who have contributed to Theologian-in-Residence Weekend. This program could not be provided without the many members of this church who volunteer to help with all the many details.

Gary J. Dorrien received his B.A. degree from Alma College, M.Div. from Union Theological Seminary, followed by an M.A. and Th.M. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary and Ph.D. from Union Graduate School. He also has a D. Litt. degree from MacMurray College and D.D. from Trinity College. He is an Episcopal priest. Prior to his current position as Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and Professor of Religion at Columbia University, Dorrien was on the faculty of Kalamazoo College for 18 years. He has served as president of the American Theological Society and has a record of involvement in social justice organizations. He is the author of 17 books. The trilogy, *The Making of American Liberal Theology*, published in 2001, 2003, and 2006, has been described by reviewers as the definitive work in the field. Recent books include *Economy, Difference, Empire: Social Ethics for Social Justice* (2010), *Kantian Reason and Hegelian Spirit: The Idealistic Logic of Modern Theology* (2012), and *The Obama Question: A Progressive Perspective* (2012).

ALOF Lent Program: Runs Monday nights at 7:15 p.m. now 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. Read Chapter 4-5 for Feb. 25.

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.

Celebration of Service Sunday, March 3. Be sure to join us for worship next Sunday where we will introduce our church team coordinators and celebrate the life of the church.