



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 AFTER EPIPHANY

January 13, 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

"My Heart Ever Faithful"

J.S. Bach

Liz Morse, flute

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

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 122:1, Psalm 42:1, Isaiah 6:3)

Cong'l Response: Open our hearts and minds!

***Gathering Song** NCH #164 "Arise, Your Light Is Come"

Festal Song

Opening Prayer

Readings from the Bible

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (p. 656 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Luke 1:1-4 (p. 68 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

"Morningstar" vs. 2

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1. You are the Morn-ing - star, You are the Foun - tain,
 2. In dry and wear - y lands, You give us wa - ter,
 3. Lib - er - ate yes - ter - day, free for to - mor - row.
 4. In faith we seek Your face, pow - er and bril - liance,

life breath - ing Spir - it, hope from the moun - tain.
 greet - ing each wan - der - er as son or daugh - ter.
 Guide all who search for You, in stress or sor - row.
 Strong and up - lift - ing hands, grace - filled re - sil - ience.

We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.

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Children's Message

"Sharing What We Have"

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 contemporary translation, which we will all pray together.

Our Creator, who is in heaven,

Your name be sanctified!

Your reign come!

Your will be done here on earth as it is in heaven!

Give us today what we need to face the future.

Release us from our debts to you,

as we have released our debtors.

Bring us not to a time of testing, but rescue us from evil.

For all good things on earth flow from you, O God, now and forever. Amen.

Offering of Gifts

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"
Chancel Choir

arr. Healey Willan

***Sung Response**

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ the Word in flesh born low;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

One God, Triune, whom we adore.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

***Song (see insert)**

"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"

Jennings-Houston

Sermon

"A Man Named Luke"

Jonathan Page

Prayer

***Closing Song NCH #584**

"I Am the Light of the World"

Light of the World

***Sending Blessing**

Parting Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Hannah Hannover

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of January 20:

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

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: "Reflections for Martin Luther King Jr. Day"

A Life Of Faith in Room 104

Sermon: "The Calling of a Prophet" Jonathan Page

Texts: Luke 3:7-20

Psalm 113

Announcements:

A Life of Faith: Our adult Christian Education curriculum continues with a 5 week course on UCC history. Classes will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning and at 7:15 p.m. the following night. The first class begins January 13. Contact Rev. Jonathan Page to sign up. Email: jon@amesucc.org

The 4th Annual Ames UCC Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Heights January 18 & 19

There will be games, puzzles and singing by the fire (toasting marshmallows too), three square meals to fill you up, hiking and possibly sledding in the brisk outdoors! Connect with your fellow Ames UCCers. Sign up at the information table in the parlor after church today or contact Kristin (292-9125) or Bill (292-9274). Cost is \$30 for adults (with a 2 hour service project) or \$45 without the service project. Children and youth are free! Don't let this fabulous opportunity pass you by!

Theologian-in-Residence Weekend, February 23-24

"Modern theology has been in crisis for most of its history...What kind of Christian belief is possible after modern science and enlightenment criticism have desacralized the world?" - Gary Dorrien, 2013 Theologian-in-Residence.

Come February 23-24 to find out Dorrien's answer to this key question and much more!