



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!**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 27, 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

"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

arr. P. Manz

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

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 118:24, Psalm 84:1, 10, Matthew 28:20)

Cong'l Response: We celebrate the church!

***Gathering Song** NCH #173 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

Opening Prayer

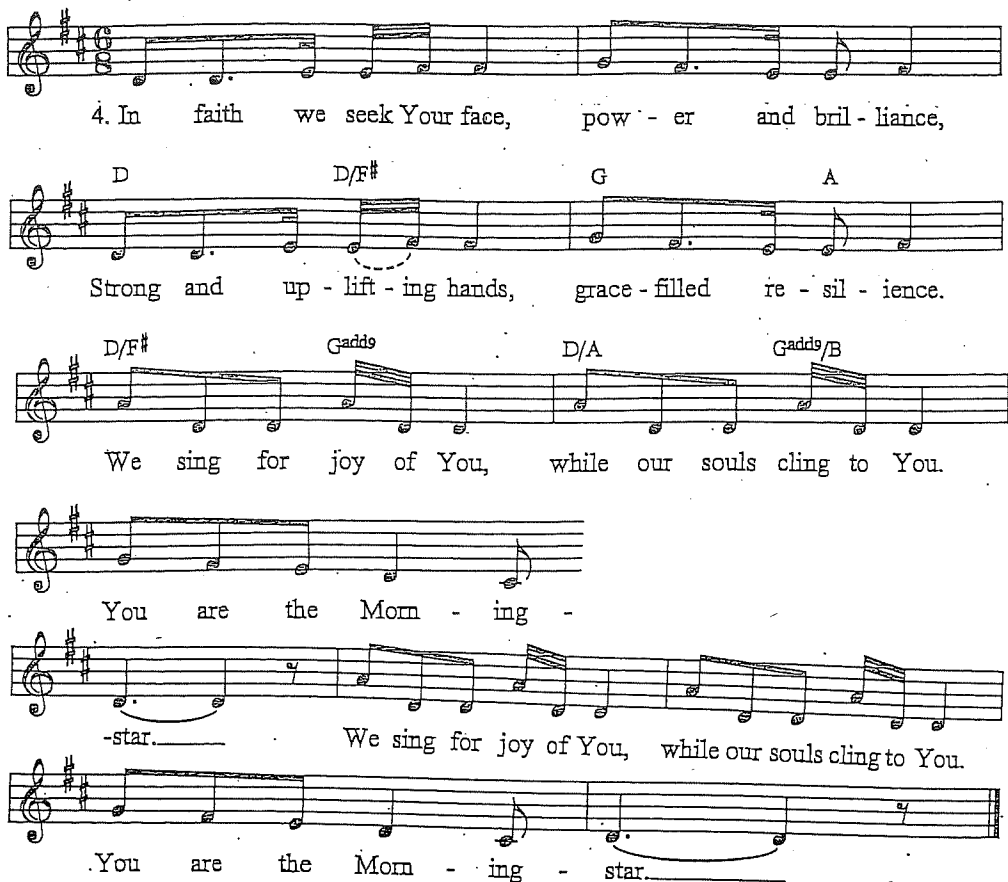
Readings from the Bible

Psalm 127 (p. 704 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Luke 3:23-38 (p. 73-74 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

Sung Response

"Morningstar" vs. 4



4. In faith we seek Your face, pow - er and bril - liance,
Strong and up - lift - ing hands, grace - filled re - sil - ience.
We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.
You are the Morn - ing -
-star. We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.
You are the Morn - ing - star.

Chords: D, D/F#, G, A, D/F#, Gadd9, D/A, Gadd9/B

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 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

"The Name of Jesus"

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir

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

***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 NCH #354**

"God, When I Came Into This Life"

Land of Rest

Sermon

"Who Are You?"

Jonathan Page

Prayer

***Closing Song SP&P #139**

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***Sending Blessing**

Parting Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Ken Birt

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of February 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: Ames Ecumenical Housing

A Life Of Faith in Room 104

Sermon: "The Courage of Conviction" Jonathan Page

Texts: Luke 4:1-12, Psalm 62

Announcements:

Potluck and Annual Congregational Meeting January 27 in Fellowship Hall

Calling all members! This year's Annual Meeting is **today** following worship. The church officers will present their reports to the congregation and we will vote on the bylaw changes for the new governance structure. A potluck will precede the business portion of the meeting.

Theologian-in-Residence Weekend, February 23-24

Copies of the schedule for the weekend may be picked up from the table at the back of the sanctuary.

From the response of the majority of the voters in our recent presidential election, the people were clearly asking for a more progressive, inclusive, and economically workable society. What is our responsibility to the growing ethnic, religious, and gender diversity in our society? Today we face other realities such as increasing poverty, climate change, and escalating violence across the globe. What can we learn about obstacles to progress in these areas from past attempts of Christians to transform society?

Come join the Ames UCC as Dr. Gary Dorrien helps us grapple with these contemporary moral issues.