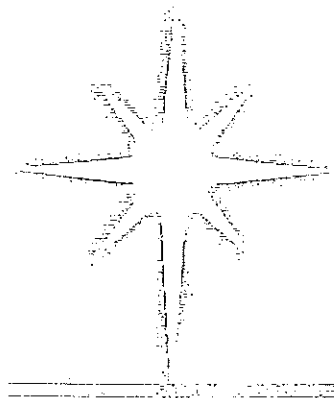


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## EPIPHANY

January 6, 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

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

\***Call to Worship** (Isaiah 60:1, Psalm 72:11, John 1:5)

**Cong'l Response: "God is revealed in Jesus Christ!"**

\***Gathering Song** NCH #154 "Go Tell It On The Mountain"

Af.-Am. Spiritual

### Opening Prayer

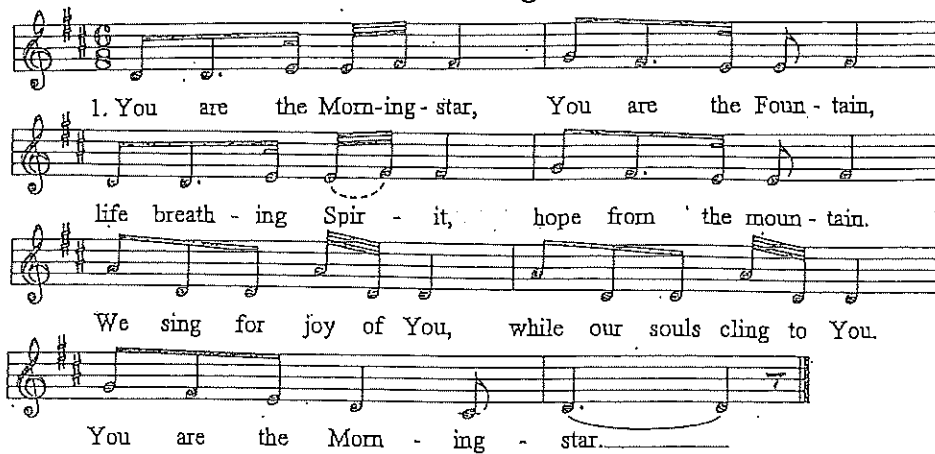
### Readings from the Bible

Isaiah 60:1-6 (p. 844 in the OT of your pew Bibles)

Matthew 2:1-12 (p. 2 in the NT of your pew Bibles)

## Sung Response

## "Morningstar"



1. You are the Morn-ing - star, You are the Foun - tain,  
life breath - ing Spir - it, hope from the moun - tain.  
We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.  
You are the Morn - ing - star.

## Children's Message

## "Seeking a Savior"

Hannah Hannover

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

### The Address

### The Examination

*After the examination of the parents and Godparents, the minister will turn to the congregation.*

**Minister:** Do you, the members of this church as of the whole Church of Christ, receive this child into your love and care, and do you promise that so far as in you lies you will uphold and encourage the parents in the fulfillment of their covenant?

**People:** We do.

### \*Statement of Faith

*Those who feel they can do so in good conscience are invited to stand and join in reciting the Statement of Faith, found in the New Century Hymnal #887.*

### The Baptism

### Welcoming the Baptized

Lucy Claire Hannover, born October 22, 2012

Godparents: Dusty and Jen Johnson

**Baptism Song** NCH #327 "Jesus Love Me" vs. 1

Jesus Love Me

### 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** "Child of the Poor" (with "What Child is This?") Soper/Dix  
Women of the Chancel Choir

**\*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**

**As three wise men presented their offerings to the infant in Bethlehem, we present these gifts before you, O God. May they be used to extend your liberating reign on earth in the name of Jesus, Emmanuel. Amen.**

**\*Song (insert)** "We Three Kings of Orient Are"

**Sermon** "WHAT?....Ah, Yeah" Jonathan Page

## **Prayer**

**\*Closing Song** NCH #160 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Elderkin

## **\*Sending Blessing**

## **Parting Music**

*Today's Worship Leaders*

Liturgist: Karen Stewart

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Emily Kenneke

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Organist: Karen Stewart

**Next Week of January 13:**

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

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: "The Bahá'í Faith"

ALOF in Room 104

Sermon: "A Man Named Luke" Jonathan Page

Texts: Luke 1:1-4

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

**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](mailto:jon@amesucc.org)

**Rev. Jonathan Page** will be out of town from late on January 6 until January 13. He will be participating in an educational conference for young clergy in the UCC called the Next Generation Leadership Initiative. In case of emergency, phone Hannah Hannover at 515-408-0228.

**Winter Retreat at Pilgrim Heights**, January 18 & 19. Contact Church Office at 232-9323.

**Ames UCC Annual Meeting**, Sunday, January 27 following a potluck lunch.

**Winter Congregational Dinners** the weekends of February 8-10 & 15-17. Currently, we need people to sign up to host a dinner or brunch in their home! The purpose of having these congregational dinners in the homes of our members and friends is to get to know each other, the people that we sit among in the pews, on a deeper level outside of worship. If you would like to host a meal in your home, please email Hannah at [hannah@amesucc.org](mailto:hannah@amesucc.org) and let her know which date you can host and how many people you can accommodate. Everyone in the congregation will be assigned to someone's home for a meal in the next few weeks!

Save the Dates -**Theologian in Residence Weekend 2013**, with Dr. Gary Dorrian, February 23 & 24