



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 IN LENT

March 3, 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**

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 42:1, John 15:12, Isaiah 6:8)

Cong'l Response: God is calling us!

***Gathering Song** NCH #70

"God Is Here!"

Abbot's Leigh

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

Romans 12:3-13 (p. 196-97 in the NT of your pew Bible)

Acts 6:1-7 (p. 150 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

Ellen Barnhart

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.

Introducing Our Teams Ellen Barnhart, Team Coordinator

Christian Education Team	Barbara Faidley, Coordinator
Caring Network Team	Kristin Shields, Coordinator
Financial Stewardship Team	Christa Andersen, Vice-Coordinator
New Member Development Team	Sharron Slinger, Coordinator
Member Services Team	Doug Powell, Vice-Coordinator
Property Team	Jan Bauer, Coordinator
Social Justice & Outreach Team	Bill Yungclas, Vice-Coordinator
Worship & Music	Lori Coyle, Coordinator
	Allison Anderson, Vice-Coordinator
	Greg Lamont, Coordinator
	Roger Parmenter, Vice-Coordinator
	Kim Spangler, Coordinator
	Paul Lasley, Vice-Coordinator
	David White, Coordinator
	Bradley Duckstein, Vice-Coordinator
Moderator	Ken Birt
Clerk	Lynette Spicer
Church Rep	Rachel Jones
Church Rep	Jim Peake
Financial Secretary	Nancy Heathman
Treasurer	Jim Dickson

***Closing Song** NCH #386 "The Church's One Foundation"

Aurelia

***Sending Blessing**

We invite you to place your morning offering in the baskets that the deacons will provide at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you for your generosity and support!

We welcome everyone to join us in Fellowship Hall for a celebration of the work of the church, coffee, and light refreshments.

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Organist: Karen Stewart

Next Week of March 10:

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

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Emily

Learning Center: Camping at Pilgrim Heights Camp and Retreat Center

Sermon: "Jesuit Spirituality - Praying Like a Jesuit" Rev. Jonathan Page

Texts: Psalm 20, Exodus 33:7-23

Announcements:

ALOF Lent Program is on James Martin's *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*. We will meet after Fellowship today in Room 104.

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 well work to arrange a more suitable time.

Lent Soup Supper, Wednesday, March 6, 5:45 p.m.

Lent Worship, Wednesday, March 6, 6:30 p.m.

Women's Fellowship: Join the women of Ames, UCC the first Wednesday of every month at 12:00 noon for lunch (bring your own) and conversation. We are currently trying to line up women to lead the direction of the conversation for one month. Some topic ideas may include: women's health, prayer, travel, cooking, exercise, pets, and more. If there is a topic that is of particular interest to you-volunteer to lead one month and share! For more information or to sign up for one month please contact Barbara Faidley at: Barbara@faidley.org

Students for Progressive Christianity will meet this Thursday, March 7 at 8:00 p.m. at Stomping Grounds. All undergraduates and graduate students, regardless of denomination, are welcome.

Sunday, March 10 -- One Great Hour of Sharing, UCC Special Mission Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing, the refugee, relief and development offering of the United Church of Christ, transforms lives through health, education, agricultural and emergency relief initiatives in 138 countries. One Great Hour of Sharing funds enable the United Church of Christ to respond quickly to disasters and other urgent and unexpected needs as they arise.

Christian Education Team

Barbara Faidley, Coordinator

Christian Education is for all of us. From our youngest children to our adult members we want to provide classes that interest, challenge, and encourage us to learn about our faith and our relationship to God and others. We also will maintain and promote use of the church library and nursery. If you have new ideas, concerns or just want to comment on something please contact us.

Caring Network Team

Kristin Shields, Coordinator

Christa Andersen, Vice-Coordinator

The responsibility of the Caring Network team is to coordinate short-term services to members and friends of the congregation when needs arise from events such as birth, death, sudden illness, or accidents.

Specifically, this team will help organize:

- Transportation (to appointments, grocery store etc)

- Meals

- Snow removal

- Lawn mowing/yard care

- Child care

- Pet care

- Household tasks (water plants, pick up newspaper/mail, pick up some groceries, etc.)

- Lodging

- Help with moving

Evangelism Team

Jan Bauer, Coordinator

Bill Yungclas, Vice-Coordinator

The Evangelism Team is responsible for recruiting new members and promoting awareness of the life and work of Ames UCC. As one of the most progressive Christian churches in the community, our church is dedicated to worshipping God and making the world a better place. Simply put, it is the Evangelism Team's job to inform the community that God is Still Speaking at Ames UCC.

Financial Stewardship Team

Sharron Slinger, Coordinator
Doug Powell, Vice-Coordinator

The Financial Stewardship Team reviews the treasurer's financial statements and the financial secretary's contribution analysis monthly to monitor the financial health of our church. We also oversee the receipts and expenditures of the Memorial Gift Fund. Any member of the congregation may serve as Steward of the Month, someone who helps count the cash received in the offering each Sunday. We conduct an annual audit of the church, and, of course, yearly stewardship campaign. Volunteers with expertise, a fresh approach and talents in organization and promotion are welcomed to help coordinate the pledge drive.

Member Services Team

Allison Anderson, Vice-Coordinator

The overall role of the team is to promote the well-being of the congregants, nurturing members and friends, actively fostering growth in commitment to develop, use, and share individual time and talents in response to God's mission.

Property Team

Greg Lamont, Coordinator
Roger Parmenter, Vice-Coordinator

The Property Team is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the buildings, grounds, and equipment and the insurance and bonding needs of the church. The Property Team also authorizes outside groups to use the church buildings.

Social Justice & Outreach Team

Kim Spangler, Coordinator
Paul Lasley, Vice-Coordinator

The Social Justice mission is to help others in need have a better life. Your help is always needed by someone either as donations or activities that help them live a more fulfilling and productive life. There are several groups that are part of the Social Justice team that many of you already support and enable others to participate in making the world a more just and fair place to live for all people. Kim Spangler, coordinator.

Worship & Music

David White, Coordinator
Bradley Duckstein, Vice-Coordinator

The Worship and Music Team (a.k.a. "WAM") helps with all that you see in our worship each week. From ushers and liturgists to sanctuary decorations and music to Theologian-in-Residence, WAM provides it all. Access your creativity and provide our worship with coordination, art, and music that will enrich all of our lives! Plus it's fun to say! **WAM!!!**