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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 17, 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** (Ps. 122:1, Is. 56:7, Lk. 13:29)

Cong'l Response: Draw us together!

***Gathering Song** NCH #25 "O God Our Help In Ages Past"

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Prayer

Introduction to Small Groups

—Small Group Meetings—

Introductions— Go around the circle and introduce yourselves

Check-In - Share a detail about how life is going

Readings from the Bible - Take turns reading a verse

Psalm 113 (p. 692 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Luke 14:12-24 (p. 94 in the NT of your pew Bible)

Reflection - share your thoughts on the biblical lessons. How do they inform your life? What are the important takeaways?

Prayers of the People - Here people are invited to share their prayer concerns with one another. At the conclusion of the prayers, everyone prays together the following:

Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfill our hopes for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer comes from Matthew 6:9-13. Here is a traditional translation, which each group should pray together.

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done,
on 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.

Dismissal—Let others in the group know one thing they can pray for about you for the upcoming week. Close saying these words together: **The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent, one from another. Go in peace.** Return to the sanctuary at this point. *Aim to be back by 11:30am.*

Offering - As you enter the sanctuary you are invited to leave your offering in the offering plates that the deacons will hold.

Discussion

***Closing Song** NCH #393 "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

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***Sending Blessing**

Sending Music

Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Terisa Thomas

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Ella Taggart

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

Today's Ministers of Worship & Hospitality:

Deacon in Charge: Bradley Duckstein

Property Supervisor: Greg Lamont

Ushers: Sharron Slinger, Jim Peake, Linda Shenk

Greeters: Lesley Lackore, Connie Dunham

Coffee Fellowship: Dinah & Bob Kerkseick, Nancy Hart

Welcome Table: David White

Next Week November 24:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages:

Children's Sunday School: Pre-K (ages 3-5) & Rotation (grades K-6) Feeding the 5000

Youth Group: Meet in the Youth Room with Ella

Learning Center (FH) - Painting of The Prodigal Son (European Painting Lost and Found) - Ursula Rudenberg

10:45 a.m. - Worship - Thanksgiving Sunday - Holy Communion

Sermon: "A True Thanksgiving Feast" Rev. Jonathan C. Page

Texts: Psalm 30, Luke 15:11-32

Welcome! We welcome all who worship here today. Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life's questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.

In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

Nursery Care: We welcome children to stay during our worship service...in fact, we enjoy it! However, if you or your child(ren) would like to use our nursery, there are qualified child care providers during worship for infants and children through Kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building. A parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

Bell Ringing for Peace every Wednesday: Join us at 12:10 p.m. in the UCC bell tower to ring the bell for peace and pray for worldwide peace. The Ames UCC is a just peace church.

To Contact The Reverend Jonathan C. Page:

During regular office hours or at any time, if the matter is not urgent, call the church. Please leave a message if The Reverend Jonathan C. Page is not available. If it is an emergency, don't hesitate to call his cell phone at 203-815-3816.

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