



ames UCC
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!**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, 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 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. A. Jordan
Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***Call to Worship** (Deuteronomy 6:4-5, John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 13:13)
Cong'l Response: Teach us to love.

***Gathering Song** "With God's Help" **OAK PARK**

Opening Prayer

Silent Reflection

Readings from the Bible

Psalm 107:1-9 (p. 687 in the OT of your pew Bible)

Luke 6:27-38(p. 78-79 in the NT of your pew Bible)

Sung Response

"Be Still and Know I Am God"

Be still and know that I am God.

Be still and know that I am God.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff has the same key signature and time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, with a fermata over the final G4. The lyrics "Be still and know that I am God." are written below each staff.

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 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,

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.

Offering of Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

We thank you, O God, for all the goodness of this life. Now we offer to you our gifts of music, of money, and of praise. Sanctify them for your good work and embolden us to be your servants, now and always. Amen

***Song NCH #485** “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” ST. MARGARET

Sermon “Sermon on the Plain II: Living God’s Love”
Rev. Jonathan Page

***Closing Song NCH #1** “Immortal, Invisible” ST. DENIO

*Sending Blessing

Parting Music

Today’s Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Barbara Faidley

Preacher: Jonathan Page

Minister to Children & Youth: Hannah Hannover

Youth Director: Ella Taggart

Music Director: Lesley Lackore

Keyboardist: Karen Stewart

Next Week September 8:

9:30 a.m. - Intergenerational Treasure Hunt

10:00 a.m. - Breakfast

10:45 a.m. - Worship

Sermon: “The Meaning of Service” - Rev. Jonathan Page

Texts: Luke 10:29-37

After worship join all the Team Leaders in Fellowship Hall

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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Upcoming Sermon Series: The Historical Jesus Revealed

Rev. Jonathan C. Page

September 15 - Why Does the Historical Jesus Matter?

September 22 - Did Jesus Perform Miracles?

September 29 - The Great Debate: Jesus and the Second Coming

October 6 - Jesus: Peace Guru or Proto-Marxist Revolutionary?

October 13 - Christ and You