



**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!**

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**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2014**

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\*Those who are able please stand

Songs: NCH – *New Century Hymnal*; SPP – *Sing, Prayer & Praise*

**Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words**

### ***RINGING THE BELL***

### ***GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### ***CENTERING MUSIC***

“Jesu, Jesu”

arr.

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

### ***CALL TO WORSHIP***

Come all who are weak. Come all who are strong. **God welcomes us here.**

Come all who are in fear. Come all who are brave. **God welcomes us here.**

Come all who are sad. Come all who are filled with joy. **God welcomes us here.**

Come all who want peace. Come all who seek justice. **God welcomes us here.**

Come all who long to praise rowdily. Come all who are seeking a quiet moment.

**God welcomes us each here. Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

“Jesu, Jesu”

NCH 498

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

For our failure to feel the sufferings of others, and our tendency to live comfortably with injustice, **God forgive us.**

For the self-righteousness which denies guilt, and the self-interest which strangles compassion, **God forgive us.**

For those who live their lives in careless unconcern, who cry, “Peace, peace,” when there is no peace, **We ask your mercy.**

For our failings in community, our lack of understanding, **We ask your mercy.**

For times when we are too eager to be better than others, when we are too rushed to care, when we are too tired to bother, when we don’t really listen, when we are too quick to act from motives other than love, **God forgive us.**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*Blessing of the Backpacks*

Hannah Hannover

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" v. 1

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*Selections from Genesis 37-50*

*The Story of Joseph and his Brothers*

**SUNG RESPONSE**

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" *refrain*

**SERMON** "Hospitality of the Heart: A Faith Response to Undocumented Immigrants"  
*Rev. Linda Hanson*

**\*SONG** "In the Midst of New Dimensions" NCH 391

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *beginning with "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" (2x)*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

“Come to Tend God’s Garden”

NCH 586, arr.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*SONG**

“Jesus Loves the Little Children”

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Those who fear for their own life, those who run from civil strife;  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Refugees who flee their home, they will never be alone.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
From Sudan, Afghanistan, Guatemala and Iran,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Those who hunger, those who thirst, those who suffer from the worst;  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.  
Those who run and those who hide, Jesus runs along beside.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

*Jennifer Riggs, Director of Refugee and Immigration Ministries  
Christian Church, Disciples of Christ*

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**

*Welcome!* 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 childcare 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.

*Communion:* Jesus included everyone present in the meals he shared, and so do we. The bread we use is free of gluten, soy, and dairy products (it does contain eggs); and the wine is unfermented (aka "juice"). In our theological understanding, it is not the bread or the wine that is changed in Communion, but we who are changed in the sharing of it. If you are here on a Communion Sunday, we hope you will join us in this transformative meal.

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

*To contact the Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore:* During regular office hours, if the matter is not urgent, please call the church office or email Terry at [terry@amesucc.org](mailto:terry@amesucc.org). If your situation is an emergency, don't hesitate to call her cell phone at 415.686.4799.

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