



**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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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24, 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***      “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”      arr. P. Manz

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come with longing for a world that is just and free.

**We come with dreams of hope for a world community.**

We come because we hear the voice of the one who shows the way.

**We come not just to hear, but to follow.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**      “Lead On, Eternal Sovereign”

NCH 573

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**      “Take, O Take Me As I Am”

*(sung twice)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS and SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE**

Our God is a gracious God, slow to anger, & abounding in steadfast love. Friends, believe the good news of God’s forgiveness, and be at peace. The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Please share Christ’s peace with one another.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*“Uniquely Made”*

Hannah Hannover

## ***SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION***

*“Open Your Ears, O Faithful People” v. 1 & refrain (2x)*

## ***SCRIPTURE READING***

### **Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, God gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and

nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

### **Romans 12:1-8**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

### **SERMON**

*"Subversive Goodness"*

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

### **\*SONG**

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

NCH 433

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*beginning with “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (sung twice)*

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

*Please pray the following, or whatever version is most meaningful to you:*

**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**      “If You But Trust in God to Guide You” arr. P. Manz

***SUNG RESPONSE***

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

NCH 425, v.1

***\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION***

***\*SONG***

“We Shall Overcome”

NCH 570

***\*BLESSING***

***\*SENDING MUSIC***

# UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday, August 24

9:30a Worship, *sanctuary*  
3:00p AMOS Fall Kick-Off  
*Grace UMC, DSM*

## Monday, August 25

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee, *rm 104*  
*Emergency Residence Project – Clark/Starck*

## Tuesday, August 26

12:00p Men's Fellowship, *Fellowship Hall*

## Wednesday, August 27

9:00a Wednesday Morning Work Crew  
12:10p Ringing the Bell for Peace  
1:00p Assemble Newsletter, *church office*  
6:45p Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *music rm*

## Saturday, August 30

*Meals on Wheels - Hieber*

## Sunday, August 31

9:30a Worship, *sanctuary*

# UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Classes

**Family to Family** – 12 sessions – family members of adults with mental illness

**Basics** – 6 sessions – caregivers of children/adolescents with emotional/behavioral disorders

**Peer to Peer** – 10 sessions – maintaining wellness for persons living with mental illness

*All classes and materials are free. Registration required. For more info, contact Deb Niehof, NAMICI director, at 292-9400 or [namiofci@gmail.com](mailto:namiofci@gmail.com).*

**Justice Listening** - Join AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) **TODAY**, Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church (3700 Cottage Grove, Des Moines), as they learn the art of “Listening for Justice” with theologian Tex Sample. See your August UCC Courier for more details.

**Congregational Dinners** are happening again in September! Please let Hannah know if you are interested in hosting a meal in your home. The dates are September 19, 20, & 21 and 26, 27, & 28. You can contact Hannah at [hannah@amesucc.org](mailto:hannah@amesucc.org).

*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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*Program Staff:*

*Interim Minister*.....Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore  
*Minister to Children & Families*.....Hannah Hannover  
*Youth Minister*.....Linda Hanson  
*Music Director*.....Lesley Lackore  
*Keyboardist*.....Karen "Sunny" Stewart