



**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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**TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 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***

“Saltarello” arr. Murdick/Hamberlin  
*Liz Morse, flute; Tom Meyer, guitar*

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

This place for us is Holy Ground.

**With hearts on fire we arrive once more. We gather to sing songs of praise and repeat the stories of faith that inspire us to respond to Christ's love.**

Ignite our lives together that we may grow strong in faith and our love for God's world.

**We receive this day as a gift. Let us worship God together!**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

"Come, My People"

SPP 12

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

"Take, O Take Me As I Am"

*(sung twice)*

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

*ending with:* 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**

*"Favorite Footwear"*

Hannah Hannover

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

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

### ***SCRIPTURE READING***

#### **Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face,

for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you, saying: ‘This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.’”

### **Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**SERMON**

*“Take Off Your Shoes”*

Hannah Hannover

**\*SONG**

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant”

NCH 539

**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**

*“Irlandaise”  
Liz Morse, flute*

C. Bolling

**SUNG RESPONSE**

*“For the Fruit of All Creation”*

NCH 425, v.1

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Generous God, we offer the best we have to give in thanks for your abiding love. Receive our energies, time, and creativity, not just the leftovers from our busy days. Let your church become more fully a beacon of hope in our needy world. We celebrate the opportunity to be part of your plan as it unfolds. Amen.**

**\*SONG**                      “We Are Marching in the Light of God”                      NCH 526

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**

**UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, August 31**

9:30a    Worship, *sanctuary*

**Monday, September 1**

LABOR DAY – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Wednesday, September 3**

8:30a    Wednesday AM Bible Study  
9:00a    Wednesday Morning Work Crew  
12:00p    Women’s Fellowship  
12:10p    Ringing the Bell for Peace  
6:00p    Pastoral Search Committee, *rm 104*  
6:45p    Chancel Choir Rehearsal, *music rm*

**Saturday, September 6**

*Meals on Wheels – 1)Chase, 2)Dirks*

**Sunday, September 7**

**BOULDERS SUNDAY**

9:30a    Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a    Team Fair, *Parlor*  
10:45a    Worship, *sanctuary*

# UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Builders Sunday** is next Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Come for breakfast at 9:30, a team fair, and worship to follow at 10:45. Join us as we work together to build up the church!

**Wednesday AM Bible Study** will start up again on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

## **Women's Fellowship**

Bring your lunch and join us for Women's Fellowship THIS Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 1:00. We will be talking about how we want to structure our fellowship time, so come with some ideas. Some things to ponder between now and then: Do we always want to have a "program"? Should we meet more often than once a month? How can we get more women to attend? Is Wednesday the best day for the most people? Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Christian Education starts on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>**! Join us each week at 9:00 for breakfast and stay for Sunday School, Learning Center, or Bible Study from 9:30-10:30.

**Learning Center, September 14** – Enrique Hernandez will talk about his faith journey beginning in Venezuela and continuing today as a new member of Ames UCC.

**Congregational Dinners** are fast approaching! Mark your calendars for September 19, 20, & 21 and 26, 27, & 28, and be on the lookout for more details from Hannah.

**Moments of Gratitude** – Diana McHenry is collecting church memories and moments for a project! If you have a moment or memory that you are grateful for relating to the church and it can be described in a few minutes, she would love to talk with you! Please contact Diana at [dianasmchenry@gmail.com](mailto:dianasmchenry@gmail.com) or via phone at 515.337.1140. They don't need to be huge or spectacular, although they can be; just something that moved you or that caused you to be grateful for your church. Thank you!

## **Emergency Residence Project**

Looking for a way to make a difference in our community, but don't have a lot of free time available? You may enjoy providing an occasional meal for the Emergency Residence Shelter in Ames two to three times a year. Our church provides Monday night's meal each week. If you are interested in more information or wish to volunteer, contact our coordinator, Ellen Barnhart ([ellenbarnhart@hotmail.com](mailto:ellenbarnhart@hotmail.com) or 515.232.3855).



*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