

Just Peace Open & Affirming

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 5, 2014

*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

Ringing the Bell

*Greeting One Another

Centering Music

"Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night"
"WAC" Chimers

Opening Prayer

*Opening Sentences (Psalm 122:1, Psalm 84:10, Matthew 5:14)
Cong'l Response: Alleluia!

*Gathering Song NCH #547

"Amazing Grace"

NEW BRITAIN

Silent Reflection

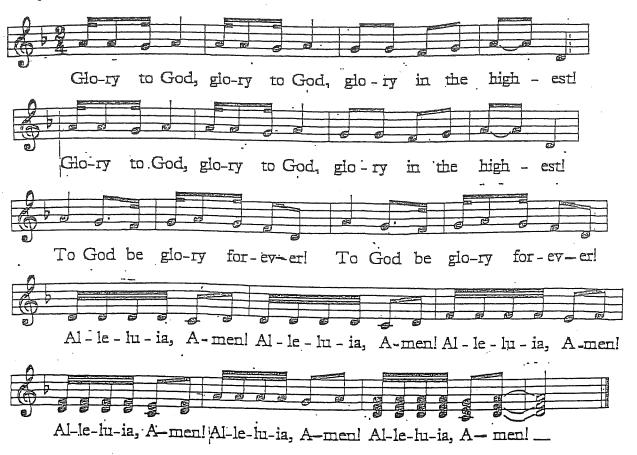
Readings from the Bible

Psalm 98 (p. 678 in the OT of your pew Bible) [read responsively] 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (p. 247-248 in the NT of your pew Bible)



"Gloria a Dios"

Trad. Peruvian



Sermon

"Your Gift to Me"

Rev. Jonathan Page

*Song (insert)

"Parting Hand"

Sacred Harp

Children's Message

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

"Order My Steps"

Burleigh & Schrader



*Prayer of Dedication

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward our world. Amen.

CEREMONY OF RELEASE FROM MINISTRY

Greeting

Recognition of the End

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, And accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not Leave us at your departure.

*Vows of Release

[Congregation will be asked to respond "We do, with the help of God."]

Witness of the Association

Prayer

*Closing Song (insert)

"How Firm a Foundation"

FOUNDATION

*Sending Blessing

Sending Music

You are invited to a Farewell for Jon after Church

This is Jon's last day preaching at UCC Ames. Come enjoy food and fellowship with Jon and sing some of UCC's congregational hymns. A Soup-Salad-Bread lunch will follow worship.