



## 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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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 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**

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

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let there be light and dark with us; let the waters meet the shores amidst us.  
Let the sky be open to your fullness; let our feet be grounded upon the earth in  
this moment. **It is good.**

Let the fireflies radiate your brightness. Let the call of the loon bring us back to  
you. **It is good.**

We gather from days of light and after evenings of night. We are called this day  
into a moment with all of creation to worship. **It is good.**

It is good. It is good. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

"Womb of Life, and Source of Being"

NCH 274

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

“Spirit of the Living God”

**\*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**

Hannah Hannover

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**A Reading based on Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a**

*THE CREATION* by: James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938)

James Weldon Johnson was an early civil rights activist. He was also a diplomat, educator, literary critic, songwriter, lawyer, poet and author. In 1900, James and his brother, John, wrote the song “Lift Every Voice and Sing,” which would later become the official anthem of the NAACP.

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People" v. 2

*(see music above)*

**SERMON** "Creation, Youth, Sleeping Beauty, and the Zombie Apocalypse"

*Rev. Linda Hanson*

**\*SONG**

"Many and Great"

NCH 3

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*beginning with "Come and Pray in Us" (2x)*

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

"Kum Ba Yah"

arr. Ed Lojeski

Melissa Asklof, soprano; Dinah Kerksieck, soprano; Pat Spangler, alto

**SUNG RESPONSE**

"For the Fruits of All Creation" v. 1

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

God is with you. **God is with all creation.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift our hearts to God.**

Let us give thanks to God, Creator of all that is, Christ that calls us to wholeness, Spirit that blows us where it will. **Thank you, God!**

We thank you, God—for everything... .. the water, the air—and life! **Thank you, God!**

Here, in this place, on *this* planet... .. became us. **Thank you, God!**

When our ancestors made mistakes... .. to save us from ourselves. **Thank you, God!**

*[Leader continues in prayer]* ... With all the love a mother can give, with all the love a father can give, saying

**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.**

On the night that Jesus was taken away... .. who brings forth grain from the earth.  
**Blessed are you, Lord God of the Universe; everything you have created is blessed.**

He took the bread... .. remember me.

**Blessed are you, Lord God of the Universe; everything you have created is blessed.**

He took a cup full of wine... .. who brings forth fruit from the vine. **Blessed are you...**

He took the cup and gave it to his disciples... .. remember me. **Blessed are you...**

We ask that you send your Spirit... .. In this hope, your people praise you;  
**Holy God! Holy One! Holy Three! Praise now and forever! Amen. Amen! AMEN!**

### ***SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP***

*This is an open table – all are welcome and invited to partake.*

### ***CLOSING PRAYER***

**This bread we have eaten comes from the earth. The juice we have tasted comes from the soil. Thank you, God, for sharing it all. Help us to lend our voice in caring for Earth. Help us to see the birds of the air, the fish of the water, the plants and animals that live with us as part of our communion in your love. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.**

**\*SONG**

"Jesus Took the Bread"

NCH 343

**\*BLESSING**

As we go out into the world... .. and in the moments to come. **It is good.**  
Let us go... .. with the Spirit as it moves over the earth. **For, it is good. Amen.**

*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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