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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 2014

*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

“Gloria, Gloria”

Jacques Bertthier

Ames Children’s Choir

“This Little Light of Mine”

Traditional Spiritual/Arr. Ken Berg

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Wherever people gather, you, O God, are present there!

***GATHERING SONG** “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

NCH 12

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“Empty Jar”

SPP 92

Jim Manley (USA)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SHARING CHRIST’S 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 “Don’t Bury Your Talent”

Hannah Hannover

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn us back to dust, and say, ‘Turn back, you mortals.’
For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.

You sweep them away; they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.

For we are consumed by your anger;
by your wrath we are overwhelmed.
You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.

Matthew 25:14-30

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, “Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did

not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

SERMON

“Let’s Do This!”
Hannah Hannover

***SONG**





“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service” NCH 495

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

beginning with

“In Our Prayers” SPP 125
Sidney Fowler/Lauaki Agaiotupu Pouesi (Samoa)

 **Joys and Concerns**

-  Nancy Heathman’s mother who was recently diagnosed with bone cancer.
-  For the Pastor Search Committee in the is period of discernment.
-  Kaiden, young cousin of Diana McHenry, whose parents face a difficult treatment decision.
-  For Mitchell, brother-in-law of Greg Wool, in ongoing health concerns.

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 “Sing Allelu (Ode 40)” J. Schreiner/arr. M. Parks

***SUNG RESPONSE** “Here Are Our Hearts” SPP 178
Susan Drake/Julie Jennings (USA)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SONG**

“I’m Gonna Live”

SPP 139

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 16

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*
9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*
9:30a Sunday School
10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*
6-7:30p Youth Group

Monday, Nov. 17

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee, *rm 104*
ERP – Hieber

Tuesday, Nov. 18

7:15p Executive Board mtg.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

NO Morning Bible Study
9:00a Wed. AM Work Crew
12:10p Peace Bell Ringers, *bell tower*
2:00p UCC Book Club
2:05p Wednesday Afternoon Club
6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal, *music rm*

Thursday, Nov. 20

3:00p INSIGHT study group, *rm 104*

Saturday, Nov. 22

MOW – Trenkle

Sunday, Nov. 23

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*
9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*
9:30a Sunday School
10:45a Worship, *sanctuary - Hearty Eucharist*
150th Anniversary Celebration
Kickoff!!!

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learning Center (Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall)

November 23 – We will learn about the Ames Boys & Girls Club from Erica Peterson, the new director.

November 30 – No program

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore will be away November 16-30. In case of emergency or pastoral concerns, please contact: Hannah Hannover, Minister to Children & Families 515-408-0228, hannah@amesucc.org

Advent Party/Church Decorating Sunday, November 30, 4:30 p.m. Come make crafts (for all ages), listen to Christmas music, decorate Christmas cookies baked by Charles Kniker, and enjoy each other's company as we kick off this very special time in the church year. People can also gather in the sanctuary to decorate our church for Christmas! Then, stay for pizza in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Alternative Gift Market will be available in the parlor after worship on the following Sundays: November 30, December 7, and December 14.

An Alternative Gift is a humanitarian gift given in honor of a friend or loved one. Thirty projects ranging from water wells in South Sudan to medicine for Burmese refugees are available through our partner, Alternative Gifts International.

Just like traditional gifts, Alternative Gifts express love and affection, celebrate occasions, and show you care. Unlike traditional gifts, Alternative Gifts do not contribute to the consumer stream and will not be re-gifted. Alternative Gifts express our stewardship of the world God gave us, and

give us a tangible way to care for our brothers and sisters.

Give Gifts that have Global Impact!

Donate Christmas Items: Donations of new and gently used items for Food at First's Pass Along Party are being accepted now through Monday, Dec. 1. The Pass Along Party gives families in need the opportunity to Christmas shop for free. Donations of household items, books, toys, toiletries, gift wrapping supplies and more may be dropped off on the front porch at 3324 Preston Circle in Ames, or leave it in the church parlor through Sunday, Nov. 30.

Art Exhibitors Needed - Ames UCC is looking for artwork to exhibit in the Parlor for the next several months. If you have paintings, quilts, or any other types of art you would like to share, please contact Jan Bauer at 515-292-3739 or bauerjan@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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 staffed nursery, it is available during worship for infants and children through kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building, and a parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

Godly Play: Join us during the Sunday School hour for *Godly Play!* On the second Sunday through the end of the month, children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited upstairs to experience a story from the Bible and then create, play, or act out their ideas. The first week of the month will feature *speed rotations*, where children experience a Bible story through an action-packed variety of activities. *Godly Play* is also offered during worship on the first Sunday of each month, following the Children’s Message.

Bell Ringing for Peace: Join us every Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. in the bell tower to ring the bell and pray for worldwide peace. Ames UCC is a Just Peace church, encouraging the interrelation of friendship, justice, and common security from violence.

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.

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. If your situation is an emergency, don’t hesitate to call her cell phone at 415.686.4799.



Program Staff:

Interim Minister.....Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
Minister to Children & Families.....Hannah Hannover
Youth Director.....Emily Kenneke
Music Director.....Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist.....Karen “Sunny” Stewart

