



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!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 2, 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

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. D. Wood

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from “Word Among Us” by Paul Hammer

Faith is never a matter simply for an isolated individual.

It involves a community of persons that stretches back into the past, embraces people in the present, and anticipates a fellowship in the future.

Faith involves a “cloud of witnesses” to God’s continuing faithfulness.

With that cloud of witnesses we gather, giving thanks to the God of all.

***GATHERING SONG** “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

NCH 295

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“Empty Jar” vv. 1 & 3

Jim Manley (USA)

SPP 92

***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

“Family Dinner ”
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION “Open Our Hearts”

Jim Strathdee (USA)

SPP 28

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where

have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship God day and night within the temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

SERMON








"A Table for a Crowd"
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
beginning with

“In Our Prayers”

SPP 125

Sidney Fowler/Lauaki Agaiotupu Pouesi (Samoa)

-  Nancy Heathman’s mother who was recently diagnosed with bone cancer.
-  For Mary Dengler, recuperating at Riverside South.
-  The students and families affected by the school shooting in Washington.
-  For the Pastor Search Committee in this period of discernment.
-  Kaiden, young cousin of Diana McHenry, whose parents face a difficult treatment decision because of his high risk of relapse of leukemia.
-  For Carol Smith recovering from back surgery at home.
-  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

“Draw the Circle Wide”

M.A. Miller

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Here Are Our Hearts”

SPP 178

Susan Drake/Julie Jennings (USA)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank and praise you, O God, because we come to you with hungry hearts, and you fill them. We come to you with parched souls, and you quench our thirst. Here at this Table you take away our loneliness, gracing us with your presence, and gathering all those from every time and place who have hungered and thirsted for your justice. Here at this Table, we give you thanks for the great cloud of witnesses whose lives helped point us to you, and who join us in this great communion of the saints. We thank you for Ruth Brown and Valree Blewett-Dickson and Julia Carlander, and for those others we now name.

[Names may be spoken.]

The Words of Institution.

God of peace, God of justice, bless us and this bread we share, that we may be one in heart and mind, a sign of your great community.

Just as the bread we break, once scattered as grain upon the hills, has been gathered and made one, so gather your children together, now and forever, in your realm of eternal joy. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are invited to share in this meal. The bread is free of gluten and soy; the cup contains grape juice. To receive, take a piece of bread, then dip into the juice before eating. If it is difficult for you to come forward, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

CLOSING PRAYER**SONG****“For All the Saints”**

NCH 299

BLESSING**SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 2

Congregational meeting following worship to discuss the 150th Capital Campaign plan.

6:00p Youth Group

Monday, November 3

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee, *rm 104*

Tuesday, November 4

7:15p Social Justice & Outreach, *rm 104*

7:30p Students for Progressive Christianity,
Jeff's Pizza Shop, Lincoln Way & Stanton

Wednesday, November 5

8:30a Morning Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*

9:00a Wed. AM Work Crew

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers, *bell tower*

2:05p Wednesday Afternoon Club

6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal, *music rm*

Thursday, November 6

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

7:00p Cooking Class, Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Saturday, November 8

MOW – Hernandez

10:00a Cooking Class, Fellowship Hall Kitchen

Sunday, November 9

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

“When the Curtain Flutters”, Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

2:30p Central Association, Madrid, IA

6:00p Youth Group

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be sure to stay after worship service this morning for the congregational meeting to discuss the 150th Capital Campaign plan. The committee will ask for a vote for launching the campaign and on the prioritization of the proposed improvements.

Apple Pie? No ---It's Bread: November's cooking class will focus on making yeast bread. Jean Watts will teach this month's class which will meet on Thursday, November 6, at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, November 8 at 10 a.m. Jean bakes bread for her family on a regular basis and will be sharing her know-how with us. Please respond to her by email to let her know whether OR NOT you will be able to attend one of these classes (as well as which class works for you) so she knows how many people to be prepared for. Jean's email is oa201012@gmail.com.

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

November 9 - A Journeys of Faith program in honor of our 150th year. Long time members—particularly those who have belonged for 50+ years — are invited to be our special guests and share memories of our church's past.

November 16 - Carolyn Goedecken, the daughter of Ed Goedecken and Laura Beason, will share her experiences as a Peace Corps volunteer in Madagascar.

Save the Date!

The Pastoral Search Committee invites you to pencil in November 15-16 as a possible candidating weekend for a potential new pastor. More news will be forthcoming!

Share Your Gratitude – 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, Diana McHenry would love to talk with you! Please contact Diana at dianasmchenry@gmail.com or via phone at 515.337.1140.

Extravagant Welcome is Evolving! Be on the lookout for new opportunities, as Extravagant Welcome works to improve the volunteer experience for all our parishioners! We will soon be launching online signups to give the opportunity to sign up on your own time, in a way that fits your schedule. Until the new site is launched, a temporary system is in place – see the whiteboard in the parlor for more details.

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!



You are invited to attend the

**Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.
Combined Choir Benefit Concert**

Sunday afternoon, November 9th

**Bethesda Lutheran Church
1517 Northwestern Avenue, Ames**

2:00 p.m.

Doors open to the public at 1:30 p.m.

Please join us for this 17th annual concert that has become a fall favorite of both audiences and performers who appreciate great choral music.

This year 15 choirs from the Ames area will perform before a full audience. In addition, a combined concert choir will perform in a two-song finale.

A free will donation will be received to benefit Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc., and its mission of providing emergency rent, utility, food, and gas assistance in an atmosphere of dignity, comfort and encouragement to needy residents of Story County.

**For more information about the work of Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc.,
phone 515-294-1449 or visit www.gnea.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 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