



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!

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 9, 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 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Arr. P. Manz

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

***GATHERING SONG** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

NCH 436

***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

Hannah Hannover

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Open Our Hearts”

Jim Strathdee (USA)

SPP 28

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

[Jesus said to his disciples,]"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'" Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'" But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'" And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us.'" But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'" Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

SERMON

“Crisis/Opportunity”
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***SONG**

“Canticle of the Turning”





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 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 “Only to God Be the Glory” D. Waggoner

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SONG** “Some Glad Morning” NCH 595

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 9

2:00p – Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Benefit Concert at Bethesda Lutheran Church. Our own Music Director, Lesley Lackore, is the director of this combined choir! Don't miss it!

3-7:00p Central Association meeting. Madrid, IA

NO Youth Group

Monday, Nov. 10

11:45a AMOS Housing & Transportation mtg., *parlor*

1:30p Learning Center Planning Committee

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

Tuesday, Nov. 11- Veteran's Day

12:00p Men's Fellowship, *Fellowship Hall*

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

Wednesday, Nov. 12

NO Wednesday Morning Bible Study

9:00a Wed. AM Work Crew

12:00p Women's Fellowship, *Fellowship Hall*

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

2:05p Wednesday Afternoon Club

6:00p 150th Celebration Play practice, *sanctuary*

6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal, *sanctuary*

Thursday, Nov. 13

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

Saturday, Nov. 15

MOW – Dirks

9:30a Food at First

Possible Candidating Weekend

Sunday, Nov. 16

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9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

Followed by Congregational Meeting

NO LGBT Fellowship

Preacher

Scripture

6-7:30p Youth Group

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore away November 16-30

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

November 9 - several Ames UCC members who have been members for 50 or more years will share remembrances of times past. Come to hear the stories and share your memories.

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

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

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!

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

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.

Good Neighbor Annual Combined Choir Concert Sunday, November 9, 2:00 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church (1517 Northwestern Ave., Ames). There will be 13 choirs from the Ames area and a mass choir conducted by Lesley Lackore (music director from Ames UCC). A “free will offering” will be collected during the performance.

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

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in...”
Matthew 25:35 NIV

As Christians, we are called to care for the least of these, showing our love of Christ through our actions. The Alternative Gift Market being held on the Sundays listed above; provides a wonderful opportunity to show our Christian love and to learn about projects around the world, as well as our own local Ames projects. Thirty projects ranging from water wells in South Sudan to medicine for Burmese refugees are available through our partner, Alternative Gifts International. An Alternative Gift is a humanitarian gift given in honor of a friend or loved one. Just like traditional gifts, Alternative Gifts express love and affection, celebrate occasions and show you care. Unlike traditional gifts, an Alternative Gift purchased at our Alternative Gift Market do not contribute to the consumer stream and they will not be re-gifted. Alternative Gifts express our stewardship of the world God gave us, and give us a real way to care for our brothers and sisters. Join us on November 30, December 7, and December 14! Shop alternatively... Give Gifts that have Global Impact!

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!

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