



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!

PLEDGE SUNDAY

OCTOBER 12, 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 “Joyful, Joyful, The Trumpets Sound! arr.

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God flings wide the doors and calls us in--
the table is ready, the feast has begun!
To the feast of love and grace, abundance and hope,
we come with joy, God's grateful guests.

***GATHERING SONG** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

NCH 4

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

"Empty Jar"
Jim Manley (USA)

vv. 1 & 3

***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

"Gifts of Love"
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I

commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" "The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" "And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'" But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the

main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

SERMON

“Put On Your Party Clothes”

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***SONG**

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

 For **Kaiden**, young cousin of Diana McHenry, undergoing treatment for leukemia.

 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.

MISSION MOMENT

Blessed To Be a Blessing

Doug Powell

OFFERING OF GIFTS

“Consecrated, Lord, to Thee”
UCC Chancel Choir

L. Larson

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“Here Are Our Hearts”
Susan Drake/Julie Jennings (USA)

SPP 178

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SONG**

“Take My Life That I May Be”

*BLESSING

*SENDING MUSIC

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 12 – PLEDGE SUNDAY

3:00p Ecumenical AMOS House Meeting at
First Christian Church

(No Youth Group meeting)

6:00p OXFAM Reception

7:00p OXFAM Program

Monday, October 13

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

Tuesday, October 14

12:00p Men's Fellowship

6:15p 150th Capital Campaign Cmte, *conference rm*

7:00p PFLAG, *420 Kellogg Ave*

7:15p Executive Board special mtg, *Fellowship Hall*

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

Wednesday, October 15

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

9:00a Wednesday Work Crew

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

2:05p Wednesday Afternoon Club

3:30p TIR Committee meeting, *conference rm*

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

7:15p Financial Stewardship

Thursday, October 16

3:00p INSIGHT Thursdays, rm 104

Saturday, October 18

MOW – Dirks

9:30a Food at First

10:00a Easy As Apple Pie, *Fellowship Hall*

Sunday, October 19

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship (Holy Communion), *sanctuary*

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

Matthew 22:15-22

12:00p LGBT+ Fellowship

6:00p Youth Group

AMOS House Meeting: This afternoon at 3:00 p.m., our congregation, First Christian Church, and First Baptist Church will hold a joint house meeting at First Christian Church. Please come, and bring your friends and neighbors. This is the perfect time to share your issues and also to include others who might not be part of any church community. We want to hear from as many people as possible what their greatest concerns are.

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learning Center

October 12: 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign presentation

October 19: Godly Play – Hannah Hannover & Genya Coffey

Quarterly statements are available for pick up on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

We Have a New Youth Director! Emily Kenneke served as our youth director during 2011-2013. After she was hired by the Ames School District she left to focus on being a first-year teacher. Now that she's settled in that role, she is eager to return to her ministry here among us! She will start on Sunday, October 19. Meanwhile, Hannah Hannover is working with our youth. Please welcome Emily back!

Moments of 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, she 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!

OXFAM America: Enabling a Well-Fed World – Building Networks, Empowering People, Nurturing the Earth

Sunday, Oct. 12 at Ames United Church of Christ

6:00 p.m. – Reception with local foods prepared by the Wallace Centers

7:00 p.m. – Program in Sanctuary

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. 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
Music Director.....Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist.....Karen “Sunny” Stewart