



**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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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**OCTOBER 19, 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**      “Let All Things Now Living”      arr. D. Wood

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

The God who made the world made us;

**Scooped us up in loving hands, and shaped us.**

We are marked with God's fingerprints and we bear God's image;

**In life and in death, in life beyond death, we belong to God.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

“The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing”

**\*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**

“Light of God”  
Hannah Hannover

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

### **Matthew 22:15-22**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus was aware of their malice, and said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose image is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

### **SERMON**

“Death, Taxes, and Other (Un)Certainties”

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**\*SONG**

“Be Now My Vision”

NCH 451




**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*beginning with*

“In Our Prayers”

SPP 125

Sidney Fowler/Lauaki Agaiotupu Pouesi (Samoa)

-  For Kaiden, young cousin of Diana McHenry, undergoing treatment for leukemia
-  For Carol Smith recovering from back surgery
-  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.**

**A MOMENT FOR ANTICIPATION**

Elaine Hieber

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

“We Are an Offering”  
UCC Chancel Choir

D. Liles/arr. LM.Hayes

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

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

SPP 178

**\*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.**

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O God, for you spoke this world into being, and made us in your image as partners in your gracious reign. Though we fail, time and again, to reflect your goodness, still you open your arms and welcome us back, inviting us to begin anew. Here at this Table, you meet us again in Jesus, offering his broken loaf that makes us whole, and his cup poured out in saving love.

*The Words of Institution.*

**Send your Spirit, O God, on us and on this meal, that as we share it we may be filled with the fullness of Christ, and may go forth with your image renewed in us. Amen.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

“Come and Fill”  
France

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**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**

“Let All Things Now Living”



**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**

# UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday, October 19

12p LGBT+ Fellowship  
6:00p-7:30p Youth Group

## Monday, October 20

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

## Tuesday, October 21

1:00p Staff Meeting  
7:15p Executive Board mtg., *Fellowship Hall*  
7:30p Students for Progressive Christianity,  
*Jeff's Pizza Shop, Lincoln Way & Stanton*

## Wednesday, October 22

8:30a Morning Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:00a Wed. AM Work Crew  
12:00p Women's Fellowship  
**12:00p NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
12:10p Peace Bell Ringers, *bell tower*  
**NO Wednesday Afternoon Club**  
6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal, *music rm*

## Thursday, October 23

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

## Saturday, October 25

6:00p Annual Chili & Pie Bake-Off  
*MOW – Chase*

## Sunday, October 26

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Sunday School  
9:30a Bible Study, *library*  
10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*  
Rev. Paul Johnson  
6:00p-7:30p Youth Group

### **Rev. Paul Johnson Preaching Next Week**

Next Sunday, October 26, our former Interim Pastor, Rev. Paul Johnson, will lead our worship service.

# UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**Calling all pledges!** Thank you, thank you to everyone who has already returned your pledge card. If you haven't yet done so, please return it ASAP! This is a tremendous help in planning the budget for the coming year.

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

October 26: Keenan Crow of the Iowa Fair Courts Coalition will speak about the federal courts and how they impact the lives of Iowans on an everyday basis.

November 2: Members of the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Team will be present to inform us of plans for the big anniversary celebration. Hear about what is coming up late this year as well as next!

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

**Stir Up the Pot and Bake Up a Storm—The Chili Cook-Off and Pie Bake-Off is next Saturday!**

Please sign up online or in the parlor to join the fun and the eats next Saturday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m.

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**There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 2, 2014**, there will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 2, 2014, after the worship service to discuss the 150<sup>th</sup> Capital Campaign plan. The 150<sup>th</sup> Capital Campaign committee will propose priorities and ask for a vote for launching the campaign and on the prioritization of the proposed improvements in UCC Ames for fundraising. The proposed improvements are the same as those discussed at the congregational meeting in June, 2014. The 150<sup>th</sup> Capital Campaign committee has been working with the congregation since October 2013 to identify potential improvements that will help us insure that UCC Ames thrives for the next 150 years. We will have detailed information including before pictures and after illustrations from John Lott, plus he will be there to answer questions related to the design concepts.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](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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**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