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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 26, 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

“I Love to Tell the Story”

arr. A. Jordan

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

It is love that calls us here—

Christ's love poured out for all.

From Christ we learn how to love both neighbor and God;

May we live that perfect love.

***GATHERING SONG** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

NCH 43

***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

“All We Need Is Love”

Hannah Hannover

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

SERMON

“It Is Nothing New and It Is Always New”

Rev. Paul Johnson

***SONG**

“I Love to Tell the Story”

NCH 522





PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

beginning with

“In Our Prayers”

SPP 125

Sidney Fowler/Lauaki Agaiotupu Pouesi (Samoa)

-  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

“Lord, Speak to Me”

H. Hopson

***SUNG RESPONSE**

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

SPP 178

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SONG**

“De Colores”

NCH 402

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 26

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*
"It Is Nothing New and It Is Always New"
Rev. Paul Johnson
Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18
Matthew 22:34-46

6:00-7:30p Youth Group

Monday, October 27

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

Tuesday, October 28

12:00p Men's Fellowship
4:30p Worship Planning
7:30p Students for Progressive Christianity,
Jeff's Pizza Shop, Lincoln Way & Stanton

Wednesday, October 29

8:30a Morning Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*
9:00a Wed. AM Work Crew
12:10p Peace Bell Ringers, *bell tower*
1:00p Assemble Newsletter
2:05p Wednesday Afternoon Club
6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal, *music rm*

Thursday, October 30

3:00p INSIGHT Bible Study, *rm 104*

Saturday, November 1

MOW – 1. Potter/Andersen
9:00-12:00p Fall Clean Up

Daylight Savings Time

Turn your clocks back

***1 hour on Saturday,
November 1st!***

Sunday, November 2

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*
9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*
9:30a Sunday School
9:30a Bible Study, *library*
10:45a Worship, *sanctuary All Saints Sunday, Holy Communion*
"Table for a Crowd"
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

***Following Worship: Special Congregational Meeting
to discuss the 150th Capital Campaign Plan***

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

November 2: Members of the 150th 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!

November 9: This will be a special Journeys of Faith program in honor of our 150th anniversary. We are inviting long time members particularly those who have belonged for 50 or more years to be our special guests and share memories of our churches past.

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

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!

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 2, 2014 after the worship service to discuss the 150th Capital Campaign plan. The 150th 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 150th 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.

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