



**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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**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 5, 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**

“Arise, My Soul, Arise” Folk/arr. D. Wood (Finland)

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

In a hungry world,  
**may there be bread for all.**

In a hurting world,  
**may the broken be made whole.**

We come that God may say to us, do to us, reveal for us whatever is needed, **that we may become one body in God's name.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

“Joy to the World”  
(England)

NCH 132

**\*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**

“Light of God”  
Hannah Hannover

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** “Open Our Hearts”  
Jim Strathdee (USA)

SPP 28

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Psalm 145**

*(please read responsively)*

I will extol you, my God and Sovereign,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name forever and ever.

**Great is our God, and greatly to be praised;  
God’s greatness is unsearchable.**

One generation shall laud your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed,

and I will declare your greatness.

**They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

God is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
God is good to all,  
with compassion over all that God has made.

**All your works shall give thanks to you, O God,  
and all your faithful shall bless you.**

They shall speak of the glory of your realm,  
and tell of your power,  
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,  
and the glorious splendor of your realm.

**Your realm is an everlasting realm,  
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

God is faithful in every word,  
and gracious in every deed.  
God upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.  
The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

**You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

God is just in all God's ways,  
and kind in all God's doings.  
God is near to all who call,  
to all who call on God in truth.  
God fulfils the desire of all who fear God;

God also hears their cry, and saves them.  
God watches over all who love God,  
but all the wicked will be destroyed.

**My mouth will speak your praise,  
and all flesh will bless your holy name for ever and ever.**

**SERMON**

“Following Our Hearts”  
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**\*SONG**

“Sheaves of Summer”  
(Spain)  
v1 Song Leaders; vv2-4 All

NCH 338




# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*beginning with*

“In Our Prayers”

SPP 125

Sidney Fowler/Lauaki Agaiotupu Pouesi (Samoa)

-  For **David**, as he recovers from surgery
-  For **Kaiden**, young cousin of Diana, undergoing treatment for leukemia
-  For **Mitchell**, brother-in-law of Greg, 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

Jim Dickson

**OFFERING OF GIFTS**

“There is Room for the Stranger”  
UCC Chancel Choir; Jenny Lind, flute

Lee Dengler

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

With your people in every time and place we give you thanks;  
on different continents & in different tongues we sing your praise—  
**for we all are yours, shaped by your love, filled with your breath.**

As we gather for your meal, we know that this Table reaches  
across this city and around the globe.

Methodist and Episcopal and Disciple, Roman Catholic and Orthodox  
and Lutheran, Presbyterian and Baptist and Pentecostal—  
**all are here with us as we share this meal.**

When Jesus broke the bread, he gave it to his friends saying,  
“This is my body, given for you: eat this to remember me.”

When Jesus blessed the cup, he said, “this is the cup of my new

covenant, poured out for all for the forgiveness of sins: drink this to remember me.”

Holy Spirit, bless this meal that in sharing it we may remember and be remembered, made one again in Christ’s living body.

**Open our eyes at this Table, O God, that we may see Christ in our midst, and in the faces of all your people. 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, tear off 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**

“This Is My Song”  
(Finland)

NCH 591

**\*BLESSING**

As the sun shines on all the earth,  
you are all bathed in the light of God’s love.  
**We go forth to live in that radiance. Amen.**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**



## UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

### Sunday, October 5

- 9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Sunday School  
10:45a Worship (Holy Communion), *sanctuary*  
    *"Following Our Hearts"*  
    Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore  
    *Psalm 145*  
5:30p Youth Group

### Monday, October 6

- 6:00p Pastoral Search Committee, *rm 104*  
3:00p Nominating Committee, *Spike residence*

### Tuesday, October 7

- 7:30p Students for Progressive Christianity  
    at Jeff's Pizza

### Wednesday, October 8

- 8:30a Morning Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*  
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  
6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal, *music rm*

### Thursday, October 9

- 3:00p INSIGHT Study Group, *rm 104*  
7:00p Easy As Apple Pie – *Fellowship Hall*

### Saturday, October 11

- MOW – Potter/Andersen  
Iowa Conference of UCC Annual Meeting  
    First Christ's Church, Des Moines

### Sunday, October 12

- 9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Sunday School  
9:30a Bible Study, *library*  
10:45a Worship (**PLEDGE SUNDAY**, *sanctuary*)  
    *"Put On Your Party Clothes"*  
    Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore preaching  
    *Matthew 22:1-4*  
3:00p AMOS Ecumenical House Meeting at  
    First Christian Church

### AMOS House Meeting

On **Sunday, October 12 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

**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 resigned here 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!

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

**October 5: Immigration in the United States** is a lightning rod topic that AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) has been studying. AMOS members will provide information and views on immigration.

**October 12: Priorities and plans for the 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign** will be presented by the committee. Learn what remodeling and new construction will be recommended for a congregational vote in November and discuss the details with them.

**Women's Fellowship** this Wednesday, October 8 at noon in Fellowship Hall

Hannah Hannover will give a short presentation about our new Sunday School curriculum, *Godly Play*, then we'll walk down memory lane, sharing our personal memories of childhood. Bring a lunch and Join us!

**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!

**Easy as Apple Pie** – Join Dinah Kerk sieck as we go back to basics in the kitchen. Sessions will be held on Thursday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 18, at 10:00 a.m. in the church kitchen. This month's subject will be apple pie – oven space is limited, so if you want to take a pie home, please bring your own pie plate and some apples. **RSVP by October 5 at [dinahandbob@hotmail.com](mailto:dinahandbob@hotmail.com) or 515-233-3550.**

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

Sunday, October 12 at Ames United Church of Christ  
6 p.m. – Reception with local foods prepared by the Wallace Centers  
7 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](mailto: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