



ames UCC
United Church of Christ

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!

BOULDERS SUNDAY

AUGUST 31, 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

“Gather Us In”

M. Haugen/arr. J. Cotter

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live.

A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith & vault of grace.

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions: All are welcome in this place.

***GATHERING SONG**

“All Are Welcome”

vv. 1-3, see insert

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“Take, O Take Me As I Am”

(sung twice)

***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 *"Building Each Other Up"*

Hannah Hannover

UNISON PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**God who spoke all things into being, open our hearts to your Word,
so that in hearing we may be made new again in your loving image.
Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:20-4:13

Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Parent of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people." (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

SERMON

“Building Blocks of the Body”
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***SONG**

“All Are Welcome”

vv. 4-5, see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

beginning with “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” (sung twice)

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

“Built on a Rock”
UCC Chancel Choir

arr. Dale Wood

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SONG** "Justice, Like a Base of Stone" *see insert*

***BLESSING**

SENDING MUSIC

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 7

BUILDERS SUNDAY

- 9:30a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*
- 9:30a Team Fair, *Parlor*
- 10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

Wednesday, September 10

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

Monday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 13

MOW – Trenkle

Tuesday, September 9

- 12:00p Men's Fellowship, *Fellowship Hall*
- 4:30p Worship Planning, *conference rm*
- 7:00p PFLAG, *YSS, 420 Kellogg Ave*
- 7:15p Financial Stewardship Team, *rm 104*

Sunday, September 14

- 9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*
- 9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*
- 9:30a Sunday School
- 10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christian Education starts on Sunday, September 14th! Join us each week at 9:00 for breakfast and stay for Sunday School, Learning Center, or Bible Study from 9:30-10:30.

Learning Center, September 14 – Enrique Hernandez will talk about his faith journey beginning in Venezuela and continuing today as a new member of Ames UCC.

Community Conversation on Immigration

For many people in Iowa, immigration isn't about politics; it's about family and friends. Regardless of what happens – or fails to happen – in Washington, D.C., there is so much we can do here in Story County and Central Iowa if we work together as a community. *Sponsored by AMOS & UCC's Social Justice Team.*

When: 7:00-8:30 p.m., Thursday, September 18

Where: Lower Lounge, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames

Congregational Dinners are fast approaching! Mark your calendars for September 19, 20, & 21 and 26, 27, & 28, and be on the lookout for more details from Hannah.

Moments of Gratitude – Diana McHenry is collecting church memories and moments for a project! 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. They don't need to be huge or spectacular, although they can be; just something that moved you or that caused you to be grateful for your church. Thank you!

Meals on Wheels is still looking for delivery drivers on October 4th (route 2) and October 11th. If you are available and interested, please contact the church office.

Emergency Residence Project

Looking for a way to make a difference in our community, but don't have a lot of free time available? You may enjoy providing an occasional meal for the Emergency Residence Shelter in Ames two to three times a year. Our church provides Monday night's meal each week. If you are interested in more information or wish to volunteer, contact our coordinator, Ellen Barnhart (ellenbarnhart@hotmail.com or 515.232.3855).

Providing an Extravagant Welcome

Welcome Center and Coffee Fellowship schedules are posted by the courtyard entrance. We are also accepting volunteers for Worship Assistance (ushers, greeters, liturgists & Deacons) for the remainder of the year. Time commitment is minimal and it's a wonderful way to get to know your fellow church-goers! Contact the office for more details.

Color printer available for non-profit or startup business. Canon PIXMA MP990 (All-In-One). Contact the church if you or someone you know may be interested.

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
Youth Minister.....Linda Hanson
Music Director.....Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist.....Karen "Sunny" Stewart