



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!

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 28, 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.

MISSION MOMENT

Neighbors In Need

Bill Slinger

CENTERING MUSIC

“I Will Call Upon the Lord” O’Shields/arr. M. Hayes

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to this place of grace, where we learn how to forgive.

We come to this place of peace, where we learn how to reconcile.

We come to this place of love, where our hearts learn how to open.

God of grace, of peace, of love, we come to learn from you.

***GATHERING SONG**

“Come My People”

SPP 12

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“Empty Jar”

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.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Kindergarten: Eliana Briseno, Erin Frank, Kashon Schaefer

3rd Grade: Ailis Shenk Cook, Adela Johnson, Adeline O'Neal

*Confirmants: Abby Buchele, Morgan Egeland, Ryan Johnson,
Alison McHenry, Cecilia Monroe, Ryan Strum*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Jesus Has a Riddle"

Hannah Hannover

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

"Open Our Hearts"

SPP 28

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If

we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

SERMON

"A Choice to Make"

Hannah Hannover

***SONG**

"Jesu, Jesu"

NCH 498

MISSION MOMENT

Blessed to Be a Blessing

Rachel Schelle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

beginning with

“In Our Prayers”

SPP 125

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

“The Bible Tells Me So”

arr. Lloyd Larson

UCC Chancel Choir

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Generous God, thank you for these gifts that we have received. We pray that we can humbly use them for your ministry here on Earth. Remind us that your hands are our hands, your words are our words. Be with us to take action and show mercy. In your name, Amen.

***SONG**

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

see pg. 7

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

IN OUR PRAYERS...

- ✎ For the **family of Kelly**, friend of Eliza, who committed suicide last week.
- ✎ For **Becky**, office secretary, as she continues to recover from a broken ankle & as she continues to transition back to work with us.
- ✎ For **Pauletti**, recovering from a car accident
- ✎ For **David**, as he recovers from surgery
- ✎ For **Nancy**, as she regains her strength
- ✎ For **Kaiden**, young cousin of Diana, undergoing treatment for leukemia
- ✎ For **Mitchell**, brother-in-law of Greg, in ongoing health concerns

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 28

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

"A Choice to Make"

Hannah Hannover

Matthew 21:23-32

Congregational Dinners

5:30p Youth Group

Monday, September 29

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee, *rm 104*

ERP – Beason/Goedeken

Tuesday, September 30

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

Wednesday, October 1

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

9:00a Wed. AM Work Crew

12:00p Women's Fellowship

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

2:05p Wednesday Afternoon Club

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

Thursday, October 2

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

Saturday, October 4

MOW – 1)Hieber 2)Tipton

Sunday, October 5

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Sunday School

9:30a Bible Study, *library*

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

Neighbors In Need Offering

World Communion Sunday

Terry Hamilton-Poore preaching

Psalm 145

5:30p Youth Group

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learning Center, September 28 – As Ames UCC approaches its 150th birthday, it's time to learn about the olden days. Allen Trenkle will lead a discussion about attending one-room schools. Allen attended a one-room school in western Nebraska.

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

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!

Providing an Extravagant Welcome

Interested in helping warmly welcome your fellow church-goers? The church office is now taking 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 Ames UCCers! Contact the office 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 Kersieck 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; we'll talk about selecting apples, choices for shortening, making crusts, and prepping apples. If you have a favorite kitchen tool for making pies, bring it along! And of course, we'll bake pies – kitchen 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 or 515-233-3550.**

Visiting International Peacemaker – Collegiate Presbyterian Church

North Central Iowa Presbytery has the joy of hosting George Abueed, an international peacemaker from Palestine, October 3. Abueed is a Greek-Orthodox, young adult Christian who works with the Settlements Department of the Applied Research Institute of Jerusalem (ARIJ). He is a 2012 graduate of Bir Zeit University in Political Science and has had post-graduate training in the Europe Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Palestinian Authority. He is a resident of Beit Jala.

Please join us to learn more about George and his story at one of several presentations while in our area:

Friday, October 3: Northcrest Retirement Community, Ames, Iowa; Lunch at noon (\$9 payable at the door, RSVP is appreciated to betsy.thompson@cpcames.org by Monday, September 29) and presentation at 1:15 pm in the Green Room

Friday, October 3: Central Presbyterian Church, Nevada, Iowa; presentation at 7 pm

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

Location: Ames United Church of Christ

Date: Sunday, October 12

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

7 p.m. – Program in Sanctuary

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.

Forgetting To Remember

Benefit Concert for  **ACCESS**
Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support

Singer/Songwriter Deb Kline



I'll share with you my healing journey through song. As an incest and rape survivor, this music flowed through me like a balm for my soul, as memories unraveled these stark truths. I present this concert to raise community awareness and offer hope to my fellow survivors that we may all heal and thrive.

Friday, November 14th, 7:00 PM
UUFA, 1015 N. Hyland, Ames, IA

Freewill Donation

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