



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!**

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 12, 2015

*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 Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CENTERING MUSIC “Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day” arr. P. Manz

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Christ passes through the walls of fear
to breathe his peace upon us.
The peace of God is a lasting peace--
peace that brings inner calm,
peace that keeps us steady in the storm,
peace that proclaims the good news with courage and with joy.
This is the peace of God, which passes all understanding.

***OPENING SONG** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” NCH 43

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***SUNG RESPONSE** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

***SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE**

The peace of our risen Savior be with you all.

And also with you.

Please share Christ’s peace with one another.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “I Can’t Believe It!” Hannah Hannover

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION “Waiting for You” SPP 20

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!
It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

**It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there God ordained God's blessing: life forevermore!**

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my

hand in his side, I will not believe.’ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.’ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON “How to Pass through Walls” Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***SONG** “Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day” NCH 241

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Greg Lamont on the death of his mother.

Lowell Mathison at home (no visitors please).

Mitchell, brother-in-law of Greg Wool, now in hospice care.

Kaden, 4 yr. old grandson of Christa Andersen and Terry Potter, as he moves from a feeding tube to solid food; and Christa’s father on a recent diagnosis of cancer.

Caregivers

The Pastor Search Committee

THE LORD’S PRAYER *Please pray the following, or a version 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

“Awake! And Sing”
UCC Chancel Choir

Eugene Butler

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“You Are Holy”

SPP 82

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SONG**

“Draw the Circle Wide”

SPP 123

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR

Sunday, April 12

12:00p 150th Capital Campaign
Ex. Team, Fellowship Hall
6:00p Youth Group

Monday, April 13

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee
Emergency Residence: Lamont

Tuesday, April 14

Noon Men's Fellowship,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 15

8:30a Morning Bible Study
9:30a Wed. Morning Work Crew
12:10p Peace Bell Ringers
2:00p UCC Book Club
2:05p WAC
6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal,
sanctuary

Thursday, April 16

3:00p INSIGHT Study Group

Saturday, April 18

Meals On Wheels – Dirks
10-2:00p UCC Central Association
Spring Mtg. at Pilgrim
Heights, Montour, IA

Sunday, April 19 – *Holy Communion*

9:30a Learning Center & Sunday
School
10:45a Worship, sanctuary
Texts: Acts 3:12-19
Luke 24:36b-48
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
preaching
6:00p Youth Group

Please remember during the week *not* to use the staff parking spots.

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Congregational Meeting

There will be a special congregational meeting in the sanctuary following worship on Sunday, April 26 to consider extending a call to the Rev. Eileen Gebbie as the next minister of the United Church of Christ-Congregational in Ames.

As the **Pastoral Candidate Weekend** nears (**April 25-26**) and excitement builds, the pastoral search committee wants to make sure that you have all the information you need to make an informed decision. If you did not receive an information packet via email or USPS, they are available in the office during regular office hours, or via any search committee member on Sundays. Additional questions can always be directed to a committee member or sent to the group via email at amesucc.psc@gmail.com.

Learning Center, Sunday, April 12: Journeys of Faith – Meet new members Ayisha Al-Hassan and Gordon Knight.

Learning Center, Sunday, April 19: Find out about free medical care available in Ames from Linda Hanson.

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Save a stamp!

Please pick up your statement on the table at the back of the 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. 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

Ministers of Worship & Hospitality:

Deacon.....Bradley Duckstein
Ushers.....Tom Meyer, Eric Abbott,
Allison Anderson, David White
Greeters.....Josh & Amy Pilcher, Aria & Carter
Liturgist.....Terry Potter
Coffee.....Bonnie & Larry Trede, Tania Tipton
Welcome Table.....Barbara & Bill Yungclas