



**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!**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**APRIL 19, 2015**

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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**      “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”      arr. J. Carter

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Along the road,  
**Jesus greets us.**  
In bread and wine,  
**Jesus feeds us.**  
Wherever we are,  
**Jesus meets us,**  
 **blessing our lives, guiding our paths.**

**\*OPENING SONG**      “All Things Bright and Beautiful”      NCH 31

**\*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**      Hannah Hannover

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**      “Waiting for You”      SPP 20

## SCRIPTURE READING

### Acts 3:12-19

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a man lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. But Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified God's servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this

man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what was foretold through all the prophets, that the Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

### **Luke 24:36b-48**

While they were talking about [Jesus appearing to them on the road to Emmaus], Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

### **SERMON**

“Ordinary, Everyday Holiness”

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

### **\*SONG**

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale ”

NCH 32

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Devon, Diana McHenry's 13-year-old niece, diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.  
Kaiden, Diana's 10-year-old cousin, struggling with current treatment for leukemia.  
Lowell Mathison at home (no visitors please).  
Greg Wool's family, on the death of his brother-in-law , Mitchell.  
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**

**"Shall We Gather at the River"**

arr. M. Hayes



**COMMUNION PRAYER** *beginning with:*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

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

**SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP** *All are welcome at this Table. The bread is free of gluten, soy, and dairy; the cup contains grape juice.*

**\*SONG**                      “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”                      NCH 347

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**

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# UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday, April 19- *Holy Communion*

6:00p-7:30p Youth Group

## Monday, April 20

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee

*Emergency Residence: Yungclas*

## Tuesday, April 21

7:15p Executive Board,  
Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, April 22

Newsletter Deadline

**No** morning Bible Study

9:30a Wed. A.M. Work Crew

Noon Women's Fellowship

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers

2:05p WAC

6:45p Choir rehearsal,  
sanctuary

## Thursday, April 23

3:00p INSIGHT Study Group

**CANDIDATE WEEKEND**  
WITH  
**REV. EILEEN GEBBIE**

## Saturday, April 25

10:00a **OPEN HOUSE** – Get acquainted with Rev. Gebbie, Church Parlor

5:30p **POTLUCK & CANDIDATE Q & A,** Fellowship Hall  
Bring a dish to share!

*Meals On Wheels – Chase*

## Sunday, April 26

9:00a Breakfast

9:30a Learning Center

9:30a **MEET & GREET** with Children & Youth

10:45a Worship, sanctuary  
Rev. Eileen Gebbie preaching

**CONGREGATIONAL MTG. and VOTE & Coffee Fellowship to follow**

6:00p-7:30p Youth Group



# 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](mailto:amesucc.psc@gmail.com).

**Learning Center, Sunday, April 26:** Hear stories from members who have belonged to our church for 30 or more years.

## Sign-Up Online to Help with Sunday Mornings

Want to help with Sunday mornings? We always need readers, ushers, coffee servers, deacons, and greeters. Just go to the church website ([amesucc.org](http://amesucc.org)), click on the "Members" tab at the top of the page, and you will see a place on the left side of the page where you can sign up. Easy-peasy, and oh-so-helpful!

## 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](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

**Ministers of Worship & Hospitality:**

Deacon.....Tom Meyer  
Ushers.....Gary Deal, Dinah Kerkseick,  
Linda Shenk  
Greeter.....Ken Birt  
Liturgist.....Ingrid Anderson  
Coffee.....Kim & Pat Spangler, Lynette Spicer  
Welcome Table.....Christa Andersen, Bill Yungclas