

EASTER SUNDAY
April 5, 2015, 10:45 a.m.

RINGING THE BELL

CHORAL ACCLAMATION “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL SONG** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” NCH 233

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

***EASTER PRAYER**

***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 “God’s Tattoo” Hannah Hannover

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 25:6-9 (pg. 798 in the OT of your pew Bible)

John 20:1-18 (pg. 140-141 in the NT of your pew Bible)

SERMON “God Does the Heavy Lifting” Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***SONG** “Now the Green Blade Rises” NCH 238

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lowell Mathison at home (no visitors, please).

Mitchell, brother-in-law of Greg Wool, ongoing health concerns.

The family of LeAnne Johnson on the death of her grandmother.

All 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	"Easter Anthem" W. Billings	Chancel Choir
SUNG RESPONSE	"You Are Holy"	SPP 82

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 juice.

To receive, go forward by row. Take a piece of the bread and dip it into the juice before eating. If it is difficult for you to go forward, remain in your seat and you will be served where you are.

CLOSING PRAYER

**God, as we leave here fed and freed,
help us to live fully and openly and hopefully;
to trust in grace and believe in resurrection
through your Son, whose arms open wide
to embrace us all.
Amen.**

***SONG**

“Sing of the Lord’s Goodness”

Gather 373

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC** Hallelujah from “The Messiah” G.F. Handel
Members of the congregation are invited to come forward and join the choir.

“Sing of the Lord’s Goodness” printed under LicenSing #624477

Program Staff:

Interim Minister.....Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
Minister to Children & Families.....Hannah Hannover
Music Director.....Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist.....Karen “Sunny” Stewart

Today’s Ministers of Worship & Hospitality:

Deacon.....Bradley Duckstein
Ushers.....John Uitermarkt, Paul Clark & Donna Starck
Greeter.....Nancy Marks
Liturgist.....Lynette Spicer
Welcome Table.....Christa Andersen, Barbara Yungclas

UCC CALENDAR

Sunday, April 5 - Easter

No Youth Group

Saturday, April 11

Meals On Wheels – O'Neal

Monday, April 6

Office Closed - Holiday

Sunday, April 12

9:30a Learning Center, and
Sunday School

Wednesday, April 8

8:30a Morning Bible Study

9:30a Wed. Morning Work Crew

Noon Women's Fellowship

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers

2:05p WAC

6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal,
sanctuary

10:45a Worship

Texts: Acts 4:32-35

John 20:19-31

Sermon: "No Second-Hand Faith"

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

Noon 150th Capital Campaign

Ex. Team, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 9

3:00p INSIGHT Study Group

7:15p Financial Stewardship,
Office Conference rm

6:00p Youth Group

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

April is Good Neighbor Awareness Month: "What is Good Neighbor?"

GNEA (Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance) is a local nonprofit organization which provides emergency rent, utility, food, and fuel assistance to those in need in Story County. Located at 613 Clark Ave. in Ames, it enables faith groups and organizations to pool their funds to provide emergency assistance. UCC is a contributing member of GNEA. Call 515-296-1449, or email them at gneainc@gmail.com.

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.

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