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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 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 Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

CENTERING MUSIC

“Be Now My Vision” Liz Morse, flute

arr.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The mighty one, God the Creator, continues to speak to us.

All: **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**

One: Our God comes and does not keep silence.

All: **Speak to us, God, for we are listening.**

***GATHERING SONG** “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” NCH 182

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***SUNG RESPONSE** “Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart” v.1

***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 MOMENT

Hannah Hannover

***SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** “Eternal Light” v.2

Eternal life, raise me from death; Eternal brightness, help me see;

Eternal Spirit, give me breath; Eternal Savior, come to me.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 50:1-6

The mighty one, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

Our God comes and does not keep silence,
before him is a devouring fire,
and a mighty tempest all around him.

**He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

**The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge.**

Mark 9:2-9

2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!’ ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no

one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

SERMON

“Highs and Lows”

Hannah Hannover

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Mackenzie Dickson in her world travels.

Lowell Mathison is now at home (no visits yet).

The Pastor Search Committee.

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

Caregivers

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 & DEDICATION “Celtic Laud”

Craig Courtney

Chancel Choir and Liz Morse, flute

***Song**

“Change My Heart, O God”

SPP 128

COMMUNION PRAYER Beginning with:

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

All are invited to share in this meal. The bread is free of gluten and soy; the cup contains grape juice. To receive, take a piece of bread, then dip into the juice before eating. If it is difficult for you to come forward, remain seated and the elements will be brought to you.

***SONG**

“O God, as with a Potter’s Hand”

NCH 550

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UGC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, February 15

6:00-7:30p Youth Group

Monday, February 16

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee

6:30p Social Justice (church office)

Emergency Residence: Shedd

Tuesday, February 17

4:30p Worship Planning mtg.

7:15p Executive Board

Wednesday, February 18

ASH WEDNESDAY

Newsletter Deadline

8:30a Morning Bible Study (FH)

9:30a Wednesday AM Work

Crew

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers

2:00p UCC Book Club

No WAC

7:00p Worship with First

Christian Church at Church

Church at First United Methodist

Church

Thursday, February 19

3:00p INSIGHT Study Group

Friday, February 20

3-8:00p 150th Executive Team,
rm 104

Saturday, February 21

MOW: Trenkle

9-5:00p 150th Executive Team,
rm 104

9:30a Food at First

Sunday, February 22

9:30a Learning Center

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship

Sermon:

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

No Youth Group

Looking Ahead:

Wednesday, February 25

No Morning Bible Study

12:00p Women's Fellowship

1:00p Assemble Newsletter

No WAC

5:45p Lent Soup Supper

6:30p Lenten Worship

7:00p Chancel Choir

UGC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Sunday School children are teaming up with the SOJO Team during Lent to collect items for MICA. The items that have been identified as needs include: calendars, paperback books (adult, young adult, children), greeting cards, and toiletry items (small bottles from hotels work great!). We will collect these items Sunday, February 15 through Easter Sunday, April 5. Our Wednesday Afternoon Club children will deliver the items to MICA as they are collected.

Ash Wednesday Service February 18 at 7:00 p.m.

The Ash Wednesday Service will be held at First United Methodist Church, 516 Kellogg. This will be a shared service with our congregation, First United Methodist Church, and First Christian Church. Because of the space needs of Food at First, there will *not* be a soup supper that night. Let's begin our Lenten journey in the company of others, as we remember the fragility of our lives, and the strength of God's grace.

Hunger, Climate Change and Immigration:

The Nueva Frontera program in Honduras

Come learn how issues like immigration and climate change are impacting Honduran farmers and how they are working to adapt and create productive livelihoods at home, **February 22, at 6:30 p.m.** at First Christian Church, 2500 University in Des Moines. Delmis Licon-Godoy and Melecio Cantoral are from the Church World Service/ Foods Resource Bank Nueva Frontera program. Through local efforts such as the Hunger Hike, CROP Walks and FRB growing projects, and through denominational partnerships such as One Great Hour of Sharing, global farmers are equipped to make progress against the challenges their communities face. For more info contact Joan Fumetti at [515- 421-5545](tel:515-421-5545) or joan@foodsresourcebank.org.

Beginning Wednesday, February 25 we will have our soup suppers and Lenten services here at Ames UCC. The soup supper begins at 5:45 p.m. and the worship service at 6:30 p.m. During Lent Chancel Choir will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our Youth Group will be cleaning up following the soup supper again this year to raise money for their summer mission projects and fun. Come enjoy the soup, fellowship, and support our youth!

We have our **Winter Congregational Dinners** right around the corner! This time the dinners will be happening the weekends of March 6, 7, 8 and March 13, 14, 15. These are a great way to get to know members and friends of our congregational more personally! If you are interested in hosting a dinner, please contact Hannah at hannah@amesucc.org.

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 staffed nursery, it is available during worship for infants and children through kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building, and a parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

Godly Play: Join us during the Sunday School hour for *Godly Play*! On the second Sunday through the end of the month, children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited upstairs to experience a story from the Bible and then create, play, or act out their ideas. The first week of the month will feature *speed rotations*, where children experience a Bible story through an action-packed variety of activities. *Godly Play* is also offered during worship on the first Sunday of each month, following the Children's Message.

Bell Ringing for Peace: Join us every Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. in the bell tower to ring the bell and pray for worldwide peace. Ames UCC is a Just Peace church, encouraging the interrelation of friendship, justice, and common security from violence.

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.

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
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Music Director.....Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist.....Karen "Sunny" Stewart

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Deacon.....Tom Meyer
Greeters.....Gordon Knight, Sue Lamont
Ushers.....Larry & Bonnie Trede, Greg Luecke & Jennifer Gelwick-Luecke