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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 18, 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ calls us to follow deep into the waters of baptism,
to break the chains of past wrongs, to become fit for God's reign.
**We come to find the courage to follow, and the light to know
the way.**

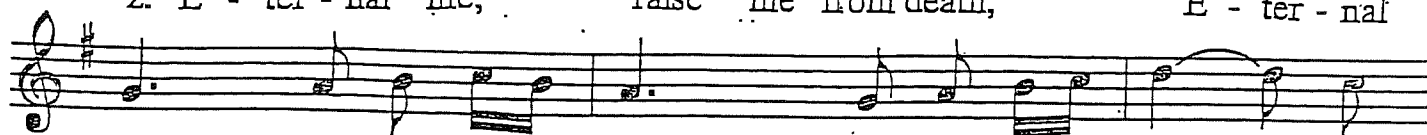
***GATHERING SONG** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" NCH 547

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

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



1. E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; E - ter - nal
2. E - ter - nal life, raise me from death; E - ter - nal



hope, lift up my eyes; E - ter - nal power, be
bright - ness, help me see; E - ter - nal Spir - it,



my sup - port; Eter - nal wis - dom, make me wise.
give me breath; Eter - nal Sav - ior, come to me:

***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 139:1-6, 13-18

O God, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O God, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

I come to the end—I am still with you.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God

raised the Lord and will also raise us by God's power.

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

SERMON

"Skin in the Game"

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***SONG**

"Jesus Took the Bread" Ruth Duck

NCH 343

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Lynn Zeigler recovering from cancer surgery.

Marcus Johnson on the death of his mother.

Ferne Bonomi on the death of her husband Wayne Davis.

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

Donna Trenkle, receiving hospice care at home.

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 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" African-American Spiritual

*SUNG RESPONSE

"He Came Down"

ELW 253



- 1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
- 2 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
- 3 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;



he came down that we may have love; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er - more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have light;

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, We Bear the Imprint of Your Face"

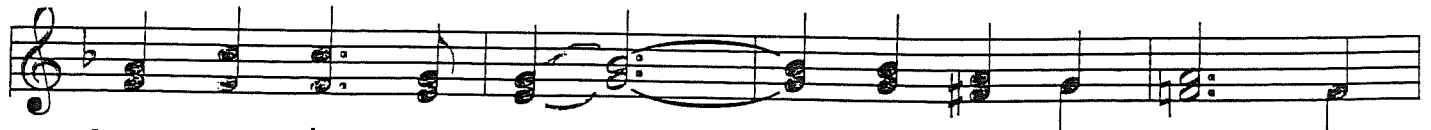
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1 O God, we bear the im-print of your face: the col - ors
2 Where we are torn and pulled a - part by hate be - cause our
3 O God, we share the im - age of the One whose flesh and



of our skin are your de - sign, and what we have of
race, our skin is not the same, while we are judged un -
blood are ours, what-ev - er skin; in Christ's hu - man - i -



beau- ty in our race as man or wom- an,
e - qual by the state and vic- tims made be -
ty we find our own, and in your fam - i -



you a-lone de - fine, who stretched a liv - ing fab - ric on our
cause we own our name, hu - man - i - ty re - duced to lit - tle
ly our prop - er kin: Je - sus our broth - er we still cru - ci -



frame and gave to each a lan - guage and a name.
worth, dis - hon - ored is your liv - ing face on earth.
fy; love is the lan - guage we must learn, or die.

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 18

12:00-1:00p Membership
Exploration (FH)
6:00-7:30p Youth Group

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Church Office Closed – Holiday

Tuesday, January 20

7:15p Executive Board

Wednesday, January 21

8:30a Morning Bible Study (FH)
12:10p Peace Bell Ringers
2:00p UCC Book Club
2:05p Wed. Afternoon Club
6:45p Choir rehearsal (Music rm.)

Thursday, January 22

9:30a Thurs. Work Crew
3:00p INSIGHT Study

Saturday, January 24

MOW: Tipton

Sunday, January 25

9:30a Learning Center
9:30a Sunday School
10:45a Worship
Texts: Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Mark 1:14-20
Sermon: "Leaving the Nets that
Have Us Caught"
New Members
Potluck (following worship)
1:00p Annual Congregational Mtg.
6:00-7:30p Youth Group

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Membership Exploration *Today!*

Are you interested in becoming a member, or just curious about what membership means in the UCC? Then come to Membership Exploration Class! This class will be an opportunity to learn about the church, get to know other newcomers as well as some long-time members, and come away with a clearer sense of your own spiritual journey. This class truly is an *exploration*: you don't have to be ready to sign on the dotted line to attend! **Class is today at 12:00-1:00 p.m. on, with lunch and childcare provided.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will come and explore with us!

Statements may be picked up at the back of the sanctuary on the table.

AMOS community conversation on visitors' driver's permits Sunday, January 18 at 3:00, at the Ames Unitarian Fellowship, 1015 N. Hyland Ave, Ames. Presentations by "DREAMers" who will describe life being unable to drive and the difference that having a license has made for them and by Story County Sheriff Paul Fitzgerald, on why he is in favor of offering the permits.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 25, 2015 at 12:45 p.m.

We will briefly review the work of the church over the past year and vote on some important topics including a decision of whether to engage the support services of the national church for our 150th Capital Campaign as well as some proposed changes to our bylaws. After our usual worship time, we will have a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. We will start the meeting immediately after the potluck lunch but not before 12:45 p.m. There **WILL** be childcare.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

January 15, 2015

Since June, 2014 when our church profile was posted nationally, the Pastoral Search Committee has reviewed 64 profiles, the majority of which were submitted at the request of the searching minister. We have requested and reviewed additional materials, including sermons, church bulletins, newsletters and other information from 12 candidates. We conducted Skype interviews with three candidates, and conducted one in-person interview.

In October, the committee placed a hold on receiving additional profiles, as we were particularly drawn to one candidate. We conducted an extensive three-day interview with the candidate, and appreciated the involvement of church members in this effort. A candidate weekend planned for November 14-16 was cancelled when our discernment with the candidate did not result in a call. We immediately requested that our profile be re-activated and since the end of November we have evaluated 11 candidates and conducted one Skype interview.

On January 12, we met with Jonna Jensen, the Iowa conference associate minister, and Phil Spike. The purpose of the meeting was to assess the status and process of our search and to recharge our efforts in searching for a pastor. We were pleased that Jonna felt we were right on schedule, that we had a very strong, attractive profile and that our search protocol was appropriate for our church profile. She assured us that the average search time for a pastor is approximately 12-18 months and that there would be no shortage of profiles to review.

We continue to meet most Monday evenings as we review profiles and communicate with pastoral candidates and their references. During the search process, the names of candidates and information pertaining to them will be held in strict confidence within our committee, but every effort will be made to keep the congregation informed of our progress, and to be mindful of your thoughts on pastoral leadership.

Members of the Search committee will be available during the coffee time following the January 18 service to answer your questions and listen to your thoughts.

We ask that you keep us in your prayers as we pursue this search.

Bradley Duckstein

Rachel Jones

Ed Goedeken

Diana McHenry

J. Elaine Hieber, chair

Linda Shenk, vice-chair

Allen Trenkle

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
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Youth Director.....Emily Kenneke
Music Director.....Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist.....Karen "Sunny" Stewart

Ministers of Worship & Hospitality

Liturgist.....Amy Erica Smith
Deacon.....Diane Birt
Greeters.....Nancy Clark, Barbara Faidley
Ushers.....Donna Starck, Kim Spangler
Coffee.....Kim & Pat Spangler