



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!

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 25, 2014

*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 “Christians, Awake and Rejoice”

D. Cherwien

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

To fishers and tax collectors, Jesus said,
“Follow me.”

To pharisees and prostitutes, Jesus said,
“Follow me.”

From the snares of status and class, gender and race, Jesus says,
“Leave the nets that have you caught, and follow me.”

***GATHERING SONG** “Arise, Your Light Is Come” Ruth Duck NCH 164

***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 MESSAGE

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 READING

Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

SERMON

"Leaving the Nets that Have Us Caught"

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

Twelve Steps toward Racial Healing

Adapted from Alcoholics Anonymous

1. We admitted we were powerless over racism—that our lives and society had become unmanageable.
2. Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
3. Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God.
4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, praying only for knowledge of God’s will for us and the power to carry that out.
12. Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we tried to carry this message to others, and to practice these principles in all our affairs.

VIDEO

“I Have a Dream” from “SALT Project”

***SONG**

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

NCH 553

Receiving New Members

Covenant of Worship and Service

In the name of God and with God as our witness, we promise to be in community with one another as we strive to be faithful disciples of Jesus, whom we proclaim as the Christ, God's anointed.

We profess our belief in God who created and is still creating us.

We hold as our vision for the world Christ's vision of shalom, where all are welcomed, where justice reigns, where all are provided for, and where peace prevails.

We affirm that we can only be faithful disciples in community with others who share that vision and who work to achieve it. Therefore, we promise, insofar as we are able, to attend the services of this church, to volunteer our time to its mission, and to contribute financially to its work.

Finally, we earnestly pray for the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit that God might bless all that we do together.

Welcome

Members: We gladly welcome you to join with us in the hopes, labors, and joys of the Church of Christ. We promise to walk with you in Christian love and sympathy, and to encourage your growth in the Christian life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lynn Zeigler, recovering at home from cancer surgery.

Ashlen Rutherford, recovering at home from surgery.

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

Donna Trenkle, receiving hospice care at home.

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

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 OF GIFTS

**"Ancient Words"
UCC Chancel Choir**

J. Purifoy

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“He Came Down”

ELW 253

***Commissioning of Congregational Leaders for 2015**

Introduction and Presentation

Covenant of Leadership

Pledge of Support

We celebrate the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, pray for you, and honor your leadership, assisting you in ministry that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

***CLOSING PRAYER**

***SONG**

“Lead Us from Death to Life”

NCH 581

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, January 25

Potluck following worship
1:00P Annual Congregational mtg.
6:00-7:30p Youth Group

Thursday, January 28

9:30a Thursday AM Work Crew
3:00p INSIGHT Study Group,
rm 104

Monday, January 26

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee,
rm 104

ERP – Coyle

Saturday, January 31

MOW – Spicer

Tuesday, January 27

12:00p Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, January 28

NO Morning Bible Study

12:00p Women's Fellowship
12:10p Peace Bell Ringers
2:05p Wednesday Afternoon Club
6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal,
sanctuary

Sunday, February 1

Souper Bowl of Caring

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*
9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*
9:30a Sunday School
10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*
Texts: Job 29:12-16
Matthew 25: 34-46
"Our Call to Act for Social Justice"
Cornelia Flora preaching
6:00-7:30p Youth Group

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting

Today at 12:45 p.m.

Potluck following worship with our

Annual Congregational Meeting starting at 1:00 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.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP - Wednesday, January 28 is time for the women of the church to gather at noon to share lunch and our joys and concerns. Bring your lunch and come visit with other women of the church.

Learning Center, February 1 – Shari Reilly, Director of Campus Ministry and Coordinator of Social Justice at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, Ames.

Guest Preachers February 1, 8, and 15

Terry Hamilton-Poore will be away the first two weeks of February. She'll be doing a week of Spanish Language Immersion in Costa Rica, followed by a week of vacation. In her absence, you'll have the opportunity to hear three wonderful preachers:

February 1 Cornelia Flora on the importance of Social Action in the church.

February 8 The Rev. Rich Pleva, Conference Minister of the Iowa Conference of the UCC

February 15 Hannah Hannover, our Minister for Children and Families

If there is a pastoral emergency during Terry's absence, please call Hannah Hannover at 515-408-0228.



Extravagant Welcome

Now available ONLINE!

Visit <http://goo.gl/ooeWOr> to volunteer!

Whether you're interested in helping out with Worship, the Welcome Center, Coffee Fellowship, or Property, here is a centralized place to sign up!

Like the old fashioned way? Call the office at (515) 232-9323 and we'll sign you up!

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.....Diane Birt
Ushers.....Gary Deal, Bill Buchele, Nathan Hannover
Greeters.....Doug & Peg Powell, Abby Buchele
Liturgist.....Amy Pilcher