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

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

JUNE 21, 2015

*Those who are able, please stand. Songs taken from NCH (*New Century Hymnal*) and 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

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

Arr. M. Burkhardt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Giants loom and danger quakes;

but God says, “Do not fear.”

Storms come, our ship is tossed;

but Christ says, “Peace, be still.”

In the midst of danger, the midst of fear, the Spirit beckons:

Come worship and find courage;

come worship and find peace.

***GATHERING SONG** “God of the Ages, Who With Sure Command” NCH 592

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Silent then sung) NCH 283

Spirit of the living god

***ASSURANCE OF GOD’S 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 “Calm in the Storm” The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION “Let It Breathe On Me” NCH 288 V1

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 17:32-49

David said to Saul, "Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth." But David said to Saul, "Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God." David said, "God, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine." So Saul said to David, "Go, and may God be with you!"

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, "I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them." So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field." But David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the God of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day God will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that God does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is God's and God will give you into our hand."

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the

Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 (Please read responsively)

O give thanks to God, for God is good, God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let the redeemed of God say so, those redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw God's deeds, God's wondrous works in the deep.

For God commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea.

They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end.

Then they cried to God in their trouble, and God brought them out from their distress; God made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

Then they were glad because they had quiet, and God brought them to their desired haven. Let them give thanks for God's steadfast love, for God's wonderful works to humankind.

Let them extol God in the congregation of the people, and praise God in the assembly of the elders.

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

SERMON "(Almost) Nothing to Fear But Fear Itself" The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

SONG "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" NCH 441

Note: In verse 2, substitute "Father/his" for "Mother/her"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- *Those undergoing cancer treatment: Diana McHenry's young cousin, Kayden, and niece, Devin*
- *John and Marjorie Uitermarkt's daughter, Laura*
- *Rachel Schelle, undergoing physical therapy*
- *Tom Meyer's family, on the death of his brother-in-law, Hughes*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

OFFERING OF GIFTS

**"Soli Deo"
Chancel Choir**

David Waggoner

***SUNG RESPONSE**

"Here Are Our Hearts"

SPP 178

***BLESSING**

***SONG**

“The Summons”

ELW 798

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 21

Capital Campaign Celebration

9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30am Congregational Meeting

Monday, June 22

9:00am Vacation Bible School Begins
5:30pm ERP (Spicer/Duckstein)

Tuesday, June 23

12:00pm Men's Fellowship
3:00pm Farm to Folk
7:00pm Social Justice/Outreach FH

Wednesday, June 24

8:30am Bible Study
9:30am AM Work Crew
10:00am ABC Sale Work Crew (Rm 209)
11:15am AMOS (Parlor)
12:00pm Women's Fellowship
12:10pm Peace Bell Ringers (Belltower)
1:00pm Newsletter Assembly Team

Saturday, June 27

11:20am MOW (Chase)

Sunday, June 28

Communion Sunday

Rev. Terry's Last Sunday

9:30am Worship (Sanctuary)
10:30 Reception for Rev. Terry

Preacher: The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Celebratory Send-Off: Next Sunday, June 28 will be Pastor Terry Hamilton-Poore's last Sunday with us as our Interim Minister. Following worship, please stay to enjoy coffee and goodies in Fellowship Hall, and take the opportunity to thank Terry for her time spent with our congregation. Please write down any memories or special thanks in a card, and bring it with you that morning.

ABC Sale: Just a reminder that our Attic to Basement Church Sale is planned for Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29. Our very dedicated committee is still welcoming donations from around the house, garage, and garden, but no clothing please! Volunteers to help with preparations are welcome to join the team meetings every Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to noon, in Room 209. Any amount of time appreciated!

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. (All Godly Play activities will be on break for the summer, and will reconvene after Labor Day.)

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. Summer office hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If your situation is an emergency, don't hesitate to call her cell phone at 415.686.4799.

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