



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!

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 28, 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

VBS Singers

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The steadfast love of God never ceases,

God's mercies never come to an end.

They are fresh every morning, like the dew on the grass.

Great is God's faithfulness.

***GATHERING SONG**

“Come, O Fount of Every
Blessing”

NCH 459

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

“Spirit of the Living God”

NCH 283

Space for music

***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

Hannah Hannover

**SUNG PRAYER FOR
ILLUMINATION**

“Let It Breathe On Me”

NCH 288 V1

Space for music

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

(Paul writes): Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something; now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so

that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any

further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

SERMON

“A Generous Beginning”

The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***SONG**

“The Summons”

ELW 798

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.

OFFERING OF GIFTS

"He Shall Feed His Flock"
Bradley Duckstein, Tenor

John Ness Beck

***SUNG RESPONSE**

"Come To The Table of Grace" (1 & 2) SPP 112

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.

***SUNG RESPONSE** “Come To The Table Of Grace” (v3 & 4) SPP112

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

FAREWELL TO INTERIM MINISTER LITANY

Remarks By The Moderator

Interim Minister: Together we have sought to maintain the life of this church and to grow in love, understanding, and faith. Will you, the members and friends of this congregation, release me from the responsibilities of being your Interim Pastor, and will you continue on this path with your new Pastor?

People: We will, with God’s help.

Interim Minister: Together we reviewed your history, explored needed leadership changes, resolved old conflicts, explored new directions in ministry, and prepared to move forward with new pastoral leadership. Will you, with me, give thanks to God for the hard work we have done?

People: We give thanks to God.

Interim Minister: You have grown in readiness for a new Permanent Pastor. Will you be patient and gracious as your new pastor begins her ministry, and will you support her efforts?

People: We will, with God's help.

Interim Minister: Will the Executive Board please stand? As the elected leaders of this church, will you ensure that the ministries of the church will be carried on? And will you, the members and friends of Ames United Church of Christ, support your elected leaders in this work?

Leaders and People: We will, with God's help.

Interim Minister: My time here has drawn to a close. I thank you for your love and trust.

Closing Remarks by the Moderator

Closing Remarks By Interim Minister, ending with...My prayers will always be with you.

People: And ours with you.

Interim Minister: Let us pray...

***SONG**

“Take My Life”

ELW 583

**BLESSING
SENDING MUSIC**

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

July Worship Schedule: As we have done for the past several years, we will share July worship services with our friends at First Christian Church, 611 Clark Street. The first two weeks (July 5 and July 12) we will worship at First Christian (FCC), and the last two weeks (July 19 and July 26) we will worship here at the UCC.

A Celebratory Send-Off: Today is Pastor Terry Hamilton-Poore's last Sunday with us as our Interim Minister. Following worship today, please stay to enjoy coffee and goodies in Fellowship Hall, and take the opportunity to thank Terry for her time spent with our congregation.

Property Team Helpers Needed: The Property Team needs volunteer help in early July! During the first two weeks of July, our congregation will worship jointly down the street with the First Christian Church, Sundays at 9:30 a.m. To coincide with this change of venue, we will be sprucing up our church and common areas. Volunteers would be much appreciated, to help with waxing Fellowship Hall and kitchen floors, as well as other general cleaning jobs, one of which involves a scaffold. Please contact David Cook, Church Sexton, at 515-233-2240, or at cookdavi@gmail.com if you are able to help out, and for details on time.

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, June 28

Communion Sunday

Rev. Terry's Last Service

9:30 a.m. Worship

10:30 a.m. Reception for Rev. Terry

Monday, June 29

5:30 p.m. MOW (Breitman)

Tuesday, June 30

Rev. Terry's Last Day

3:00 p.m. Farm to Folk

Wednesday, July 1

9:30 a.m. AM Work Crew

10:00 a.m. ABC Sale Team

12:10 p.m. Peace Bell Ringers

Saturday, July 4

11:20 a.m. MOW (Tipton/Potter/
Andersen)

Sunday, July 5

9:30 a.m. Joint Worship First Christian

Preacher: Hannah Hannover

Scripture: Mark 6:1-13

Sunday, July 12

9:30 a.m. Joint Worship First Christian

Preacher: The Rev. Mary Jane Button-Harrison

Scripture: Mark 6:14-29

Sunday, July 19

9:30 a.m. Joint Worship UCC

Preacher: Pastor Eileen Gebbie

Scripture: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

Sunday, July 26

9:30 a.m. Joint Worship UCC

Preacher: The Rev. Mary Jane Button-Harrison

Scripture: John 6:1-21

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: 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, OR after June 30, Hannah Hannover at hannah@amesucc.org. If your situation is an emergency, don’t hesitate to call Hannah’s cell phone at 515-408-0228 until Pastor Eileen begins on July 6.

Program Staff:

<i>Interim Minister</i>	Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
<i>Minister to Children & Families</i>	Hannah Hannover
<i>Youth Director</i>	Emily Kenneke
<i>Music Director</i>	Lesley Lackore
<i>Keyboardist</i>	Karen “Sunny” Stewart
