



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!

2ND SUNDAY IN LENT THEOLOGIAN IN RESIDENCE MARCH 1, 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 savior 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**

We are gathered in the presence of the Spirit to praise and
worship God, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ.

Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is the Wisdom of God.

**May we know the challenge and glory of living with Jesus
on this Lenten journey.**

***OPENING SONG**

“Give Thanks to the Source”

ANNIVERSARY

***SILENT CONFESSION**

***SUNG PRAYER** “Take, O Take Me as I Am” (2x)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Hannah Hannover

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet;
Send your Spirit to illumine our path. Amen.

EPISTLE READINGS

1 Corinthians 2:6-13
2 Corinthians 3:17-18

RESPONSE

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

stanza 1

NCH #282

GOSPEL READING Luke 4:14-30

RESPONSE

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

stanza 2

NCH #282

SERMON

“By the Spirit Stirred”

Ruth Duck

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE “For All Who Labor Without End”

Cynthia Wilson sings intercessions, all sing “hear our prayer” and the refrain.

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

“Musica est Dei donum optimi” Orlando di Lasso
(“Music, the gift of the supreme God”)
UCC Chancel Choir

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at this Communion table.

Together, we claim our unity in the Spirit,
for Christ is among us and within us.

Welcome home!

***SONG**

“We Will Spread this Table”

SPREADING THE TABLE

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, our loving Creator,

close to us as breathing and distant as the farthest star,

we thank you for your constant love for all you have made.

We thank you for all that sustains life,

and for all people of faith in every generation

who have given themselves to your will.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, whom you have sent

from your own being to be our Savior.

We praise you for Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection,

and for the calling forth of your church for its mission in the world.

Gifted by the presence of your Holy Spirit,

we offer ourselves to you as we unite our voices

with the whole family of your faithful people everywhere.

Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy): Repeat after Song Leader.

Blessed are you, Holy One,

for coming among us in your child Jesus

to feed the hungry, heal the sick, raise up the poor,

and comfort those who mourn.

After he was raised from the dead,

your church gathered again in Christ's presence

to break bread together with glad and generous hearts,

sharing all they had with any in need.

We remember that, on the night of betrayal and desertion,

Jesus took bread, and blessed and broke it,

and gave it to the disciples and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body.

Each time you do this, remember me.”

Then Jesus took a cup, and after giving thanks,
passed it to his disciples, saying,

“This cup poured out for you is the promise of God.

Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Recalling Christ's suffering and death,
and rejoicing in Christ's resurrection,
we await Christ's coming among us.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table,
that our eyes may be opened,

and we may recognize the risen Christ among us
and in ^{the} world you love.

Powerful and peaceful God,

breathe your Spirit upon us and on these gifts,

that all who eat and drink at this table

may be one body, one holy people,

a bold and Spirit-filled people who live to your glory in Jesus Christ,
by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honor and glory be to you, eternal God, now and forever. *Amen.*

(repeat after song leader)

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP *All are welcome at this Table. The bread is free of gluten, soy, and dairy; the cup contains grape juice.*

***SONG** (During Communion) “North, South and West and East”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*SONG

“Colorful Creator”

HOUGHTON

*BLESSING

*SENDING MUSIC

TODAY’S LEADERS

Ruth Duck is professor of worship at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. She has written many books and articles about Christian worship, most recently Worship for the Whole People of God: Vital Worship for the 21st Century. Her hymn texts have been published in many hymnals and supplements. Ordained in the United Church of Christ, she has served churches in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Massachusetts.

An extraordinary vocalist, **Cynthia Wilson** is a Grammy-nominated musician, arranger/composer. A lover of music in the Black Church traditions, Cynthia will share a lecture-demonstration of congregational music from local and global perspectives. She is the vice-president for Student Life and Dean of Students at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary.

NOTES FROM RUTH DUCK ABOUT THE HYMN TEXTS AND LITURGICAL RESOURCES

Dwight Vogel, retired faculty from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, memorably explained the meaning of Holy Communion and the flow of the Great Thanksgiving with the words: “We give thanks to God. We remember Jesus. We pray for the Spirit.” This simple statement of this great mystery inspired “Give Thanks to the Source,” written in 1997.

“Prayers of the People” is a part of a service of sung table prayers written and composed for the 2009 annual meeting of the North American Academy of Liturgy. Singing our intercessions is a wonderful way to pray, especially with this setting by Mark Miller.

Duck composed the tune for “We Will Spread This Table” many years ago and recently wrote new words for it for a service at Boston University School of Theology.

Composer William (Bill) Rowan challenges hymn text writers to use a broader range of meters, offering his original tunes without words as a way to do this. His composition TEMPLE OF PEACE, inspired the communion text “North, South, and East and West.”

“Colorful Creator” was written in honor of Linda Clark, Duck’s professor and mentor at Boston University School of Theology; Carlton (Sam) Young, composer and editor of the past two United Methodist Hymnals, wrote the tune for this text.

The prayer for communion weaves together Great Thanksgivings from the UCC Book of Worship and the trial resources for communion published in 2004.

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 1

No Youth Group

Monday, March 2

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee,
rm 104

3:00p Invitation and Welcome,
Church Office

Wednesday, March 4

8:30a Morning Bible Study

12:10p Women's Fellowship

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers

2:10p WAC

5:45p Lent Soup Supper

6:30p Worship

7:00p Chancel Choir rehearsal,
sanctuary

Thursday, March 5

9:30a Wed. AM Work Crew

No INSIGHT Study Group

Friday, March 6

Congregational Dinners

Saturday, March 7

MOW – 1) Clark 2) Andersen/Potter

Congregational Dinners

Daylight Savings Time Begins!

Turn your clocks AHEAD 1 hour!!!

Sunday, March 8

9:00a Breakfast, Fellowship Hall

9:30a Learning Center:

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship, sanctuary
Holy Communion

Texts: Exodus 20:1-17

John 2:13-22

Sermon: Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

No Youth Group

Congregational Dinners

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learning Center, March 8 – Ann Reinhart will be here to bring us up to date on Pilgrim Heights.

Learning Center, March 15 – No program

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.

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 congregational more personally! If you are interested in hosting a dinner, please contact Hannah at hannah@amesucc.org.

Donations to fill up our Easter Eggs are always appreciated! We will be collecting items in the parlor over the next several weeks. Items you may consider donating would include individually wrapped candy, small toys, or stickers. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter morning, Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. All children and grandchildren are welcome to attend!

Sign-Up Online to Help with Sunday Mornings or with Soup Suppers

Want to help with Sunday mornings? We always need readers, ushers, coffee servers, deacons, and greeters.

Or do you want to bring some soup to a Lenten Soup Supper, or help with set-

Either way, just go to the church website (amesucc.org), click on the "Members" link at the top of the page, and you will see a place on the left side of the page where you can sign up. Easy-peasy, and oh-so-helpful!

Ames Ecumenical Housing

UCC Ames contributes to this important effort to provide affordable housing to low-income individuals in Ames by serving on its Board of Directors and giving it funds to use as needed. Carl Tipton is our representative to its Board. Here are some of the things that they used our monies for in 2014:

- A resident going through chemotherapy accidentally locked her keys in her car. AEH paid for a locksmith to retrieve her keys
- A holiday dinner for the residents
- An exercise video for residents to share
- Reimburse residents for flowers planted to beautify the apartments in the spring
- A new resident needed a toothbrush and batteries for his hearing aids

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.....Bradley Duckstein
Ushers.....Art & Bernie Pohm, Barbara Faidley
Greeter.....Nathan & Hannah Hannover, Will & Lucy
Liturgist.....Terry Potter
Coffee.....Ken & Diane Birt
Song Leader.....Cynthia Wilson
Guest Preacher.....Ruth Duck