



**ames UCC**  
United Church of Christ

**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!**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 22, 2015**

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\*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** “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness”

arr.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Bring your hearts, wounded and hurting;  
**We come to God to be healed.**  
Bring your hearts, cynical and despairing;  
**We come to God to find hope.**  
Bring your hearts, hardened and resistant;  
**We come to God to be changed,  
to open and soften our hearts of stone,  
and make them beat anew.**

**\*OPENING SONG** “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness”

NCH 179

**\*PRAYER OF 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 MESSAGE** “When Is God’s Birthday?” Hannah Hannover

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**Open our hearts and minds by the power of your Spirit, O God,  
that we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The days are surely coming, says God, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says God. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says God: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No

longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says God; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### **John 12:20-23**

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Humanity to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

### **SERMON**

"Knowing God by Heart" Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**\*SONG**

## “Spirit, Open My Heart”

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Tune: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish Traditional Melody; arr. Arthur G. Clyde, 1997©1997 The Pilgrim Press

## Commissioning of the Capital Campaign Team

Pastor: Paul said, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.” You who are here today enjoy the fruits from the seeds that were planted long ago.

**All: The seeds were planted, the church emerged, the faith was shared and flourished here.**

Pastor: Now we will do our part to water what grows here, to make sure that future generations have a place to gather—a place in which to welcome, serve and praise. Today, we commission a group of your fellow members, whose task it is to invite you to share what you have for the sake of this church’s future ministry.

[To the Capital Campaign Team]:

Do you each dedicate yourself to working for the future God has in mind for this church?

Capital Campaign Team: **We do.**

Pastor: Will each of you give of yourself generously, and boldly encourage your fellow members to do the same?

Capital Campaign Team Members: **We will.**

Pastor: [To the congregation]: Will you honor the leadership of this team, receiving their requests with open hearts, and will you prayerfully consider how you will contribute out of the abundant gifts that God has given you?

**Congregation: We will.**

Pastor: Then let us pray.

**Give us boldness of vision, O God, and generous hearts, so that this campaign may lead to extravagant welcome, generous service, and joyful praise that spills out into our community and into your world, both today and in the future. In Christ’s name we ask it, for his church. Amen.**



## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Lowell Mathison at Mary Greeley Hospital after a fall at home.  
Mitchell, brother-in-law of Greg Wool, ongoing health concerns.  
The family of LeAnne Johnson on the death of her grandmother.  
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.**

**SUNG RESPONSE** "Bread, Blessed and Broken" v.2

**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.*

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

**\*SONG**

“Justice Like a Base of Stone”

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**

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# UCC CALENDAR

## **Sunday, March 22- Holy Communion**

12:00p 150<sup>th</sup> Capital Campaign  
Executive Committee,  
Fellowship Hall

No Youth Group

## **Monday, March 23**

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee  
*Emergency Residence: Flora*

## **Tuesday, March 24**

12:00 p Men's Fellowship,  
Fellowship Hall

## **Wednesday, March 25**

NO Morning Bible Study

9:30a Wed. Morning Work Crew

12:00p Women's Fellowship

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers

1:00p Assemble Newsletter

2:05p WAC

3:30p Theologian-in-Residence,  
Office Conference rm.

5:45p Lent Soup Supper,  
Fellowship Hall

6:30p Taize Service,  
sanctuary

7:00p Chancel Choir rehearsal,  
sanctuary

## **Saturday, March 28**

*Meals On Wheels – Dirks*

## **Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday Holy Communion**

9:30a Palm Sunday Workshop  
hosts breakfast followed  
by crafts for all,  
Fellowship Hall

10:45a Worship, sanctuary  
Texts: Philippians 2:5-11  
Mark 11:1-19  
Cornelia Flora preaching

150<sup>th</sup> Capital Campaign Committee  
serves refreshments in the parlor  
after worship. Then, all will gather  
in the sanctuary for an opportunity  
to ask any questions or voice any  
concerns about our mission to  
“Welcome, Serve, Praise”

No Youth Group

Please remember during the week *not* to use the staff parking spots.

# UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers** in the sanctuary are from the Kniker family in memory of Eleanor Kniker.

**Learning Center, Sunday, March 29:** Palm Sunday Intergenerational Workshop

## **The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Capital Campaign Invites You All March 29th!**

On Palm Sunday, after we celebrate the joy, anticipation and hope of the day, the 150th Anniversary Capital Campaign Team invites you to join us after church for light refreshments in the parlor and then gather in the sanctuary for a conversation about how we seek to rejuvenate our worship space and reinvigorate our engagement beyond our walls. We shall review the approved projects, addressing how they will meet our needs; highlight our goal and how it will expand and enrich our ministry; identify who will benefit from the changes; and explain how the campaign will proceed. It is an opportunity to ask any remaining questions and voice any lingering concerns about our mission to "Welcome, Serve, Praise" as participants in the life of the Ames UCC. Child care will be provided.

## **Help Our Kids Collect Items for MICA!**

Our Sunday School children are teaming up with the SOJO Team during Lent to collect items for MICA through Easter Sunday, April 5.

## **Wednesday Evening Soup Suppers and Taize Services**

Each Wednesday through Lent we will have our soup suppers and Lenten services here at Ames UCC. The soup supper begins at 5:45 p.m. and the worship service at 6:30 p.m. During Lent the Chancel Choir will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our Youth Group will be cleaning up following the soup supper again this year to raise money for their summer mission projects and fun. Come enjoy the soup, fellowship, and support our youth!

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# H O L Y W E E K S C H E D U L E

## **March 29 Palm/Passion Sunday**

10:45 a.m. at UCC

## **April 2 Maundy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. at 1st Christian Church

## **April 3 Good Friday**

### **Prayer Service**

Noon at 1st United Methodist Church

### **Interactive Prayer Stations**

12:30–3:30 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. (drop in)

In sanctuary at UCC

### **Prayer Vigil**

1:00 p.m.-Easter a.m. (sign up for times)

At 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Church

## **April 5 Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. Early Service

at UCC (jointly with FCC and FUMC)

Breakfast after service in Fellowship Hall.

10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

10:45 a.m. Easter Service at UCC

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**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](mailto:terry@amesucc.org). If your situation is an emergency, don’t hesitate to call her cell phone at 415.686.4799.

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### **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.....Ed Goedeken  
Ushers.....Peg Powell, Kathryn Shields, Linda Shenk  
Greeter.....Ann D’Arcy  
Liturgist.....Kim Spangler  
Coffee.....Ayisha Al-Hasson, Allison Anderson,  
Sharron Slinger  
Welcome Table.....Barbara & Bill Yungclas