



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 IN LENT

MARCH 8, 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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Whoever we are, and wherever we are on life's journey,
we are welcome here.

Christ calls us to build a world of welcome,
and our open hearts are the building blocks.

***OPENING SONG** “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

NCH 400

***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

The Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

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

Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You

shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

John 2:13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

SERMON

“The Architecture of Welcome”
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

***SONG**

“All Are Welcome”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Lowell Mathison 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.

MISSION MOMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing

Rachel Schelle

OFFERING

“To the Wilderness”

Richard Scheffler

UCC Chancel Choir and Greg Lamont, guitar

***SUNG RESPONSE** “Bread, Blessed and Broken” vs. 1

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** “Bread, Blessed and Broken” vs. 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 FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, March 8

12-1:00p 150th Executive Comm.,
Fellowship Hall

No Youth Group

5:45p Lent Soup Supper,
Fellowship Hall

6:30p Taize Service,
sanctuary

7:00p Chancel Choir rehearsal,
sanctuary

Monday, March 9

11:45a-1:30p AMOS Housing Group,
parlor

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee,
rm 104

Emergency Residence: Tipton

Friday, March 13

Congregational Dinners

Saturday, March 14

Congregational Dinners

Meals On Wheels – Chase

Tuesday, March 10

12:00p Men's Fellowship,
Fellowship Hall

7:00p Financial Stewardship,
rm 104

7:30p Contemporary Christian
Conversations, Jeff's Pizza

Sunday, March 15- *One Great Hour of Sharing offering*

NO Learning Center or Sunday School

10:45a Worship, sanctuary
Texts: Numbers 21:4-9
John 3:14-21

12:00p Invitation & Welcome Mtg.,
Fellowship Hall

Congregational Dinners

No Youth Group

Wednesday, March 11

8:30a Morning Bible Study,
Fellowship Hall

9:30a Wednesday AM Work Crew

12:00p Women's Fellowship,
Fellowship Hall

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers

2:10p WAC

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO Learning Center or Sunday School next Sunday, March 15

Learning Center, Sunday, March 22: Cornelia Flora will lead a conversation to tie together the sermon series on race.

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. 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 through Easter Sunday, April 5. Our Wednesday Afternoon Club children will deliver the items to MICA as they are collected.

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!

Winter Congregational Dinners are right around the corner! This time the dinners will be happening the weekend of March 13, 14, 15. These are a great way to get to know members and friends of our congregational more personally! If you are interested in hosting a dinner, please contact Hannah at hannah@amesucc.org.

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. Want to bring some soup to a Lenten Soup Supper, or help with set-up? Either way, just go to the church website (amesucc.org), click on the "Members" tab 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!

UCC Book Club Meets 3rd Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

The Book Club welcomes all readers, and even those who just want to hear the discussion. The group meets in the church library. Our next book will be **Orphan Train: A Novel** by Christina Baker Kline (2013 fiction, 304 pages). *As a young Irish immigrant, Vivian Daly was sent by rail from New York City to Minnesota. Returning east later in life, Vivian leads a quiet, peaceful existence on the coast of Maine. But in her attic, hidden in trunks, are vestiges of a turbulent past. "Orphan Train" tells of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are.* Discussion leader: Christa Andersen

FREE PIZZA! INVITATION AND WELCOME COMMITTEE MEETING SUNDAY THE 15TH

The Invitation and Welcome Committee will be having a meeting after church in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 15, to brainstorm ideas about how we can make the UCC as inviting and welcoming as possible. Please come join us. Please RSVP to Amy Erica Smith at amyericas@gmail.com so we can order pizza for you.

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:

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Greeters.....Boyd & Irene Dohrman
Liturgist.....Kristin Shields
Coffee.....Kim & Pat Spangler