



**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!

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 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

“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

arr.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

From the rising of the sun to its setting in the west,

God’s holy name be praised.

On the lips of children, by babies at the breast,

God’s holy name be praised.

In the wisdom of the old and the wonder of the young,

in all that has life and breath, God’s holy name be praised.

***OPENING SONG** “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

NCH 327

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***SUNG RESPONSE** “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

***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 & YOUTH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Hannah Hannover

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION “Waiting for You”

SPP 20

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. "So one of these people who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

but their delight is in the law of God, and on those words they meditate day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

for God watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

John 17:6-19

Jesus prayed: "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

"I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy God, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

SERMON “Jesus’ Commencement Address” Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
***SONG** “Be Now My Vision” NCH 451

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joys and Concerns

Prayers for Lowell Mathison at Mercy Hospital, Des Moines.

Pauletti Lasley at home recovering from a stroke.

Steve Barnhart’s mother recovering from a broken hip.

Ellen Barnhart on the death of her father.

Emily Kenneke’s grandfather, in hospice care.

Devon, Diana McHenry’s 13-year-old niece, diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.

Kaiden, Diana’s 10-year-old cousin, struggling with current treatment for leukemia.

Victims of natural disasters

Caregivers

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

Rachel Schelle

OFFERING

“Be Still and Know” S.C. Chapman/arr. T. Fette
Treble

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“You Are Holy”

SPP 82

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SONG** “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

NCH 76

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 17

2:00p 150th Celebration

Committee – “Historical Walk Down
the Aisle” *Fellowship Hall*

6:00-7:30p Youth Group

Monday, May 18

Emergency Residence - Lasley

Tuesday, May 19

7:15p Executive Board,
Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 20

NO morning Bible Study

9:30a Work Crew

12:10p Peace Bell Ringing

2:00p UCC Book Club

6:45p Choir rehearsal, *sanctuary*

Saturday, May 23

MOW – Chase

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost/ Confirmation Sunday

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

Strengthen the Church Offering

Texts: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: “God Is Still Speaking, We
Are Still Listening”

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore preaching

6-7:30p Youth Group

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day Church Office closed for holiday

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY:

You are cordially invited to attend

**The 150th Celebration Committee Multi-generational Style Show
“A Historical Walk down the Aisle--150 Years of Wedding Celebration”**

2:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall!

Come and enjoy weddings of members past and present, from 1865 to today! Everyone, and we mean everyone will want to see this! Join us as we take a look at church history from a different perspective **and** in a fun way. Refreshments will be served. See you at the show!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Pentecost/Confirmation on Sunday, May 24
Women’s Fellowship Wednesday, May 27 at Noon

YOUTH MISSION WEEK – June 1 - 5:

June 1, 5:00-6:30 p.m. - 50’s BINGO/Ice Cream Social Night hosted by our youth in Fellowship Hall!

June 2, 6:00 p.m. – June 3, 8:00 a.m. - Youth Fellowship Night at Baymont Inn, Ames

June 3, 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Meals from the Heartland in Des Moines

June 4, 10:00 a.m. - Weeding at Reiman Gardens

June 5, 5:30-7:00 p.m. - Date night at church! Free babysitting event for families of the church to drop off their kiddos for a fun night with our youth as caretakers.



Iowa Conference UCC

University, Ames

June 5 & 6

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.....Nathan Hannover
Ushers..... Kim Spangler, Erica Fjelland,
Rebecca Fjelland
Greeter.....Ginny Shenk
Liturgist.....Ben Schrag
Coffee.....Laura Beason & Ed Goedeken
Irene Dohrmann
Welcome.....Christa Andersen & Terry Potter