



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!

TRINITY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 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

Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Great is the Lord!

God's greatness is beyond our understanding.

Yet God has revealed God's self in Jesus Christ.

Through Jesus we have come to know the absolute love of God.

Lift up your hearts and praise the Lord!

May God continue to bless God's people with peace. AMEN.

***GATHERING SONG**

"Come, My People"

SPP #12

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF 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 "The Gospel in a Nutshell"

Hannah Hannover

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Let It Breathe on Me"

v.1

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that

everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

SERMON




“The Gospel in a Nutshell”
Hannah Hannover

***SONG**

“This Little Light of Mine”

see insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

-  Christa Andersen and family, in the death of her father;
-  Steve Barnhart and family, in the death of his mother;
-  Youth, as they have their Mission Week.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Please pray the following, or whatever version is most 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 OF GIFTS

“Higher Ground”

arr. M. Hayes

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“You Are Holy”

SPP 82

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***SONG**

“To God Be the Glory”

see insert

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 31

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*
"The Gospel in a Nutshell"
Hannah Hannover
John 3:1-17

Monday, June 1

5:00p BINGO & Ice Cream Socia;, *Fellowship Hall*

Tuesday, June 2

6:00p Youth Group Movie & Fellowship Night
(Baymont Inn)

Wednesday, June 3

NO Morning Bible Study

9:30a Wed. AM Work Crew
12:10p Peace Bell Ringers, *bell tower*
6:00p Summer Movie Night, *"Frozen"*, *Fellowship Hall*

Thursday, June 4

10:00a Youth Group Weeding at Reiman Gardens
10:00a Transition Team, *Conference Room*
5:30p Choir Picnic, *Brookside Park*

Friday, June 5

5:30p Date Night – FREE Babysitting by the Youth at the church!

Sunday, June 7

10:45a Worship & Potluck Picnic at Hobbits Hill,
5508 W. Lincoln Way
**Youth will be sharing their Mission Week experiences*

A LOOK AHEAD...

Third Annual Worship & Potluck Picnic at Hobbits Hill

The 3rd Annual Worship at Hobbits Hill will be held on Sunday, June 7th, beginning at 10:45 a.m., 5508 W. Lincoln Way. Join us for this fun outdoor worship experience, as we learn about the youth group's week of mission work. Then stay for food and fellowship as we cap off the celebration with a potluck!

Many volunteers are needed in various capacities to make the event a success. From parking attendants to table set-up to hauling the sound system to, well, you name it! If you are interested in lending a helping hand, please contact Bradley Duckstein at bduckstein@gmail.com or 515-971-2886.

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ice Cream Social and BINGO! – Our youth have a fun night planned, Monday, June 1, as part of their service week and our 150th anniversary! They will serve ice cream and host BINGO (with prizes!) from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. It is FREE! Join the FUN!

Choir Picnic - The annual UCC Chancel Choir picnic will be held Thursday, June 4th, 5:30 pm, at Maple Shelter in Brookside Park. The gathering will be potluck-style, so bring your favorite dishes to share, as we celebrate another year of wonderful music and fellowship!

Date Night – FREE Babysitting! - As part of their service week, our Youth will be offering free babysitting in our church building on Friday, June 5 from 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Children of any ages are welcome to be dropped off for play, games, and crafts! Please make sure your child has eaten supper before he/she arrives.

VBS Help Needed - It's VBS time!! June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at First United Methodist Church. We need donations to help us each day with our snack! Supplies needed include: chewy fig cookies, teddy grahams, m&m's, frosting (various colors), fresh fruit, friendship bread (or other sweet bread), fish crackers, cheerios, napkins, and small drink cups. If you would be willing to provide any of these items, please let Hannah (hannah@amesucc.org) know!

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: Join us during the Sunday School hour for *Godly Play*! On the second Sunday through the end of the month, children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited upstairs to experience a story from the Bible and then create, play, or act out their ideas. The first week of the month will feature *speed rotations*, where children experience a Bible story through an action-packed variety of activities. *Godly Play* is also offered during worship on the first Sunday of each month, following the Children’s Message.

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. 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
Youth Director.....Emily Kenneke
Music Director.....Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist.....Karen “Sunny” Stewart