



September 27, 2015

*Welcome to Ames UCC! Worship is the way we praise God and learn what it means to be a Christian. Services of worship are just that: a way that we serve the power that calls us together and sends us out to be the eyes, hands, and feet of justice in the world. We hope that you leave today feeling connected, renewed, and in relationship with the holy.*

*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.*

## Celebrating 150 Years of Ministry & Ministers (1865—2015)

John White • Simeon Gilbert • A.A. Baker  
George G. Perkins • William P. Bennett  
E.C. Moulton • J. D. Wells • F.J. Douglas  
H. Paul Douglass • Charles H. Seccombe  
Horace D. Herr • William J. Minchin  
Henry K. Hawley • Arthur R. McLaughlin  
W. Murray Allan • Russell L. Fate  
Henry Campbell • Joe M. Hendrixson  
Michael Montgomery & Peggy McClanahan  
Stephen McDuff • Jonathan Page  
Sharon Eileen Gebbie

**Service of Installation**

## PARTICIPANTS

### *Worship Leaders*

George Britton, Chair of the Eastern Association Committee on Ministry  
Mary Jane Button-Harrison, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Hannah Hannover, Ames UCC Minister for Children & Families  
Elaine Hieber, Chair of the Ames UCC Pastoral Search Committee  
Fred Lewis, Ames United Methodist Church  
Waltrina Middleton, National Minister for Youth Advocacy and Leadership Formation  
Brigit Stevens, Iowa Associate Conference Minister  
Philip Spike, Ames UCC Moderator

### *Building Without Worry*

Ayisha Al-Hassan  
Jerry Chase  
Aidan Shenk Cook  
Tania Tipton

### *Ushers*

Jennifer Gelwick-Lueke  
Elaine Hieber  
Jeremy McMahon  
Tom Meyer  
Laurie Olk  
Linda Shenk  
Fei Yi

### *Ames UCC Chancel Choir*

Judith Blair  
Laura Deal  
Bradley Duckstein, soloist  
Jennifer Gelwick-Luecke  
Dinah Kerk sieck  
Lesley Lackore, Ames UCC Music Director  
Greg Lamont  
Mary Mulford  
Laurie Olk

Terry Potter  
Kristin Shields  
Bill Slinger  
Carol Smith  
Pat Spangler  
Sunny Stewart, Ames UCC Instrumentalist  
David White  
Richard White  
Greg Wool  
Bill Yungclas

## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**WELCOME** Brigit Stevens

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Hannah Hannover

One: The world belongs to God,

**All: The earth and all its people.**

One: How good it is, how wonderful,

**All: To live together in unity.**

One: Love and faith come together,

**All: Justice and peace hold hands.**

One: If Christ's disciples keep silent,

**All: These stones would shout aloud.**

One: Open our lips, O God,

**All: And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

**CHORAL CELEBRATION** "One Song of Praise" Joseph M. Martin

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR THE GOOD NEWS** Elaine Hieber

One: Let us pray. We are your people, mostly privileged, competent, entitled.

**Many: Your people who make futures for ourselves,  
seize opportunities, get the job done and move on.**

One: In our self-confidence, we expect little beyond our productivity; we wait little for that which lies beyond us, and then settle with ourselves at the center.

**Many: And you, you in the midst of our privilege,  
our competence, our entitlement.**

One: You utter large, deep oaths beyond our imagined futures. You say

**Many: fear not, I am with you.**

One: You say

**Many: nothing shall separate us.**

One: You say

**Many: something of new heaven and new earth.**

One: You say

**Many: you are mine; I have called you by name.**

One: You say

**Many: my faithfulness will show concretely and will abide.**

One: And we find our privilege eroded by your purpose, our competence shaken by your future, our entitlement unsettled by your other children.

**Many: Give us grace to hear your promises.**

**Give us freedom to trust your promises.**

**Give us patience to wait and humility**

**to yield our dreamed future to your large purpose.**

One: We pray this in the name of Jesus

**Many: who is your deep YES over our lives. Amen.**

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 15:21-28

Philip Spike

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**SERMON** "We Have Nothing to Lose but Our Chains," Waltrina Middleton

## **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

### **INSTALLATION**

George Britton & Philip Spike

#### *GREETING*

One: The Central Association of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church on earth.

**Many: Let us look to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lived for God unto the cross, and who endures through the Holy Spirit in spite of the cross.**

#### *PURPOSE AND CALL*

#### *BUILDING WITHOUT WORRY*

#### *MEANING & ACCEPTANCE*

#### *AFFIRMATION*

One: Members of Ames United Church of Christ, Congregational, will those who are able rise please do so now, and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher as printed in the bulletin?

**Ames UCC: We, the members of Ames United Church of Christ, receive Eileen as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support. We gather with her and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

One: Members of the Eastern Association and Iowa Conference, will those who are able rise do so now, and affirm your covenant with Ames United Church of Christ, Congregational, and its pastor and teacher?

**Association: We, the members of the Eastern Association and Iowa Conference gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Ames United Church of Christ as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

*PRAYER OF INSTALLATION*

One: Let us pray. O most virtuous Spirit,

**All: may we be joined together this day in living out a shared ministry which emulates the life and witness of Christ.**

One: May we covenant in holy bond

**All: to love each other, to agree to disagree, to restrain from speaking unkindly of others, and to avoid all forms of unfaithfulness.**

One: Bless our covenant

**All: as we minister together and seek to nurture harmony as pastor and congregation.**

One: May we witness your gifts in one another.

**All: May we grow together in joy and wisdom as we venture forth praising your Spirit. Amen.**

*DECLARATION*

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, I declare you, Eileen Gebbie, duly installed as pastor and teacher of Ames United Church of Christ, Congregational.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**CHARGE FROM THE COMMUNITY**

Philip Spike

*Representatives of the larger Ames community will be invited forward to be recognized and greet Pr. Eileen.*

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Eileen Gebbie, Hannah Hannover, Mary Jane Button-Harrison  
Fred Lewis, Waltrina Middleton

*Our Communion table is open to all: young and old, faithful and dubious. No one will be turned away. We serve the bread and the juice through "intinction," which means dipping the bread into the juice. Your server will offer each to you with the phrases "the Bread of Life" and "the Cup of Blessing." If you are unable to come forward but would like to participate in the meal, simply wait for your row to be empty, then raise your hand. A server will come to you. The bread is free of gluten, soy, and dairy; the cup contains grape juice.*

One: Come, you weary and restless, come, all who hunger and thirst. Jesus calls us to dine as friends, come, God's feast of welcome awaits us. As we partake of this bread and fruit, we honor Creator and creation. As we bless and share these gifts, we celebrate the table-fellowship of Jesus. All are worthy, all are welcome! As we receive the fruits of Spirit, we celebrate the communion of all things. We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion Jesus offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

**Many: "Take, eat. This is my body breaking because of you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

One: In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

**Many: "Take, drink. This is the seal of a new covenant, my pouring-out life. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."**

One: Come, Holy One, come. Bless and prosper this meal; bless and prosper this fellowship; bless and prosper our lives, that justice and love may be the measure of our common witness. Amen.

*Sharing of the Bread and Cup (with hymn sing)*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

One: Please join me in the prayer of thanksgiving.

**All: Thanks be to you, O God,  
for your presence and your purpose,  
for your loving kindness and your steadfast Spirit.**

**May the blessings of this table  
strengthen our faith, increase our generosity  
and unify our hearts,  
for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Amen.**

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR SEMINARIANS**

*Ushers will pass plates down each row to receive offerings in support of seminarians who are members of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CLOSING HYMN** “Take My Life, That I May Be”

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL**

**RECEPTION**

*Please join us in our Fellowship Hall for refreshments and time together as a community.*