



Urbandale
 United
 Church of
 Christ
 God is still speaking

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are invited and welcome here.”

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation

April 29, 2018

10:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The liturgical color for Easter is white, representing purity, joy, light, glory, and perfection.



SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY
Liturgist: TBD
Ushers & Greeters: Bob Harding, Nancy & Alan Reimer
Acolytes: Edwards Family
Nursery: Anjy Allen, Deb Beery
Opening the Church: **Today,** Bob Shoemaker **Next Sunday,** Chris Jordan
Sound Booth: Scott Gardner

GATHERING

We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Nametags and information packets are available at the welcome table at the main entrance to the sanctuary. Childcare is available in the nursery for children ages birth through seven. Please see an usher for location if you wish to use the nursery.

GREETING

“Did I offer peace today? Did I bring a smile to someone's face? Did I say words of healing? Did I let go of my anger and resentment? Did I forgive? Did I love? These are the real questions. I must trust that the little bit of love that I sow now will bear many fruits, here in this world and the life to come.”

~ Henri Nouwen

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Wonderful Words of Life”

Van Denman Thompson

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *Their flames symbolizing God’s Spirit.*

❖ *This symbol invites the congregation to stand in body or spirit*
Bold type indicates a unison response

- ❖ CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER (written by Jane O. Sorenson)
 - ONE: I am too busy; I cannot praise my God.
 - ALL: My time hangs too heavily on my hands; I cannot praise my God.**
 - ONE: There is too much wrong in the world; I cannot praise my God.
 - ALL: There is too much noise in the world; I cannot praise my God.**
 - ONE: There is too much quiet in the world; I cannot praise my God.
 - ALL: There are reasons beyond count to explain why I cannot praise my God.**
 - ONE: I am lonely, I am tired, I am overworked, I have no resources for such a task.
 - ALL: Take our sore places and comfort us. Take our weary places and give us rest. Take our reasons and overwrite them with your love for us and your need for us to be the people you created us to be. Amen.**

❖ OPENING HYMN “Let Me Enter God’s Own Dwelling” Hymnal 67

❖ INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM “I Am the Vine” Allen Pote
Adult Choir
Carol Looney, Flute

SCRIPTURE LESSONS **John 15:1-8** (The Inclusive Bible)

- ¹ “I am the true vine, and my Abba is the vine grower
- ² who cuts off every branch in me that doesn’t bear fruit, but prunes the fruitful ones to increase their yield.
- ³ You’ve been pruned already, thanks to the word that I have spoken to you.
- ⁴ Live on in me, as I do in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit of itself apart from the vine, neither can you bear fruit apart from me.
- ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who live in me and I in them will bear abundant fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.
- ⁶ Those who don’t live in me are like withered, rejected branches, to be picked up and thrown on the fire and burned.
- ⁷ If you live on in me, and my words live on in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you.
- ⁸ My Abba will be glorified if you bear much fruit and thus prove to be my disciples.”

After telling his disciples, “Get up. We’re leaving this place.” at the end of chapter 14, Jesus goes right on talking (for three more chapters!) until they actually do leave in chapter 18. This has led some to the conclusion that Chapters 15-17 were inserted sometime after the Gospel of John was originally composed. But this is not to say that these chapters are not an authentic tradition regarding the farewell address of Jesus to his disciples. Their inclusion is evidence that the early church found them compelling and helpful to their faith.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON "Trimming the Dead Wood" Pastor Dave
HYMN "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" Hymnal 270

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Abba 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.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

ONE: God is good!
ALL: All the time!

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ALL: God is good!

ONE: Let us share the goodness of our God!

When the offering plate comes to you, we invite you to hold it for a moment and consider the many gifts that you can share. You may pray for a person or a ministry; you may commit yourself to a specific act of compassion; or you may resolve to work on a relationship that is in need of repair. Allow the Spirit to guide your thoughts.

OFFERTORY "Take Time to Be Holy" Dorothy Wells

Please sign the Pew Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

❖ DOXOLOGY

tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ CLOSING HYMN

"Forward through the Ages"

Hymnal 377

*The candles are extinguished.
God's Spirit remains as a living flame in the hearts of God's people.*

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Oh, Had I Jubal's Lyre"

George Fredric Handel

Please reshelve the hymnals and put this used Bulletin in the recycle basket.

PRAYER CONCERNS

To list someone in this section, *with their permission*, please email staff@urbucc.org by the weekly bulletin deadline.

Keep in your thoughts and prayers:

Barb Nervig...Jamel Carter...Don Walters... Diann Miller

And our dear ones: **Alma Sims...Verna LeVear...Lee & Margaret Messenger**

To notify the staff of a prayer concern, or to send a note of caring and support to someone, please use the cards in the pew rack and drop them in the offering plate. Please indicate whether prayer concerns should be forwarded to our Prayer Chain. Notes will be mailed on Tuesday, provided we have the recipient's full name and the sender's signature.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides prayer shawls to people experiencing difficult circumstances or life transitions. For more information, email prayer.shawls@urbucc.org.

This Week at UCC

Sunday, April 29

8:00 am Sunday School & ASF

10:00 am Worship

Special Music: Adult Choir

11:15 am Youth Groups: Sheltered Reality

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Tuesday, May 1

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, May 2

6:00 pm Worship Team

WNA:

6:30 pm Adult Handbells

7:00 pm Adult Choir

7:00 pm AA

Saturday, May 5

8:00 am Bowtie Boyz

3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Upcoming Sundays

Sunday, May 6

8:00 am Sunday School & ASF

10:00 am Worship: Communion

Special Music: Adult Choir

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Sunday, May 13

8:00 am Sunday School & ASF

10:00 am Worship: Recognition of High School Graduates, Sunday School Teachers & Volunteers

Special Music: Adult Choir

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Annual Reports DUE!

Please get your team reports into Sophiap no later than Monday, April 30th so reports can be put out Sunday, May 6th.

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There will be a pulpit exchange on **Sunday, May 6th**. The Rev. Eileen Gebbie from Ames UCC will be preaching at Urbandale. Please welcome her into the fellowship of our community of Faith. Pastor Dave will be preaching in Ames.

Sunday School, Emerging Adults & ASF 9:00-9:45 am

Preschool to 5th grade will meet in the Sanctuary for Singing w/ Bobby from 9-9:10 am
then up to the Upper Ed Wing for Bible Study Time.

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6th-12th graders will meet in the NW corner of Fellowship Hall

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Adult Spiritual Formation (ASF) ~ 9:00-9:45am in Fellowship Hall

Today: Unshattered, Presenter: Sandy Vopalka

Next Week: Conversations About Race & Privilege, Presenter: Paul Johnson & Diane Dornburg

UCC Cookbook

Time is running out! A watched pot never boils...We need recipes! And we know you have them....get them turned in asap! Men, women and kids! Mom's, Dad's, Grandparents too! Any member of UCC past or present....we love them all!

Send your recipes to Avis Allen at chefavis@aol.com or Sophiap at staff@urbucc.org.

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Youth Groups to Set-up for Family Promise

Sunday, May 6th, 11am-1pm

Our final youth group event for the program year will be Sunday, May 6th following church. The 3-6th and 7-12th youth groups will work together with Family Promise volunteers to transform our space and get rooms ready for families we will host May 6th-13th. We will eat lunch following church and get to work! Families are encouraged to join us. Please RSVP to Rev. Amy so we can plan for lunch.

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CLASS of 2018

UCC High School Graduates

Please join us in celebrating Ian Fefchak Robinson's graduation from Hoover High School!

Date & Time: Saturday, May 19th from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Location: Des Moines Social Club - 900 Mulberry

Please join in celebrating Jonah Schaeffer's graduation from high school. Followed by a welcome celebration for the parents of our foreign exchange student, Bryan Ismael Del Rosario Mateo, from the Dominican Republic.

Date & Time: Saturday, May 19th from 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Our home, 1108 NW Gabus Cir., Grimes

Join us to celebrate Seth Gardner's graduation from Roosevelt High School.

Date & Time: Monday, May 28th from 3:00-6:00 pm

Location: Our home, 7305 Twana Dr., Urbandale

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****West doors are being replaced Wednesday, May 2nd. If you are planning to stop by Wednesday, please use the South doors.**

Thank you.

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“We welcome into this community of faith, and affirm the participation in all aspects of church life, persons of every age, race, gender identity and expression, nationality, ability, and sexual orientation. We will continue our efforts toward inclusiveness, and stand against all forms of discrimination. We will empower ourselves, our children, and one another to be fully present in the world, living in Christ’s image and striving for justice and peace.”

Staff

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Church Office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Dave at 276-0625 (church office), 720-6389 (cell) or david.sickelka@urbucc.org. Pastor Dave is off on Mondays but will still respond to emergencies if you call or text.