



Urbandale
United
Church of
Christ
God is still speaking 9

“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

June 24, 2018

10:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The liturgical color for The Sundays after Pentecost is green. We have chosen to leave red up until July.



SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist: RYE Youths

Ushers & Greeters: Sharon Johnson, Margaret Christian, Dawn Halstead, Jim Benda

Acolytes: TBD

Nursery: Anjy Allen, Deb Beery

Opening the Church: Today, Jerry Woods **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

“Whatever we are waiting for - peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance - it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart.”

~Sarah Ban Breathnach, Author, Speaker, Mom and Philanthropist

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“A Southern Harmony”

arr. Gordon King

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

ONE: People of God, come into the place with joy and thanksgiving!

ALL: Our God has blessed us, challenged us, and given us hope for the future!

ONE: People of God, bring your sorrow and your disappointment. Open yourselves to God's healing grace.

ALL: Our wounds are deep and our grief is raw! We find that our songs are laments and dirges!

ONE: People of God, be honest and open. Pour out your souls and risk being who you really are.

ALL: Our lives are fully known by God and very precious to God. Let us praise the One who brings peace and joy, even in times of trial!

❖ OPENING HYMN

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

Hymnal 401

❖ INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art"
Ann Nugent, mezzo-soprano
Suzanne Sontag, harp

Swedish Folk Melody
arr. Shirley Starke
George Philipp Telemann

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

II Corinthians 6:1-13 (The Inclusive Bible)

¹As God's coworkers we beg you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²For God says through Isaiah, "At the acceptable time I heard you, and on the day of salvation I helped you." Now is the acceptable time! Now is the day of salvation!

³We take pains to avoid giving offense to anyone, for we don't want our ministry to be blamed. ⁴Instead, in all that we do we try to present ourselves as ministers of God, acting with patient endurance amid trials, difficulties, distresses, ⁵beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger. ⁶We conduct ourselves with innocence, knowledge, patience and kindness in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, ⁷with the message of truth and the power of God, wielding the weapons of justice with both right hand and left – ⁸regardless of whether we are honored or dishonored, spoken of favorably or unfavorably. We are called impostors, yet we are truthful; ⁹we are called unknowns, yet we are famous; we are said to be dying, yet we are alive; punished, but not put to death; ¹⁰sorrowful, though we are always rejoicing; poor, yet we enrich many. We seem to have nothing, yet we possess everything!

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you, Corinthians; we've opened our hearts wide to you. ¹²We're not holding anything back; you, on the other hand, are holding back your affection from us. ¹³It would be a fair exchange – I speak as to my children – if you'd open your hearts as widely to us as we do to you.

At some point prior to Paul's writing this passage, the church in Corinth became divided and many were soured on Paul's ministry among them (see Chapter 2). Paul's authority as an Apostle was questioned and his motives were impugned. Here, Paul is attempting to restore what has become a very strained relationship.

SERMON "Open Wide" Pastor Dave

PRAYER HYMN "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" Hymnal 393

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!

ONE: All the time!

ALL: All the time!

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

"Arioso"

Austin C. Lovelace

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

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

Hymnal 565

The candles are extinguished.

God's Spirit remains as a living flame in the hearts of God's people.

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

arr. Herbert Colvin

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:

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, June 24

10:00 am Worship

Special Music: Ann Nugent & Suzanne Sontag

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Tuesday, June 26

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, June 27

7:30 pm AA

Saturday, June 30

3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Upcoming Sundays

Sunday, July 1

10:00 am Worship: Communion & Baptism

Special Music: Ken Hanson

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Sunday, July 8

10:00 am Worship

Special Music: Ron Lindhart

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

URBANDALE 4TH OF JULY PARADE PLANNERS NEEDED!

"Honoring Our First Responders"

Wednesday, July 4th @ 10am

We need a few parade types interested in riding, walking, handing out candy and VBS flyers! We need candy donations to pass out and will advertise our upcoming Vacation Bible School: Rolling River Rampage. The parade takes place at 10am from Old City Hall on 70th Street north to Aurora Ave. finishing at 82nd and Aurora. Please RSVP to Rev. Amy if you can join us. **Candy donations needed by July 1st.**

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Family Promise

Our next Family Promise week is coming **July 22-29**. During that week we will be sheltering and providing evening meals and transportation to 3 families in need of temporary housing. Please check the big signup board in the narthex and think about how you might be able to help in this important ministry.

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Days for Girls Sewing Day

Saturday, July 7 from 1-4 PM in Fellowship Hall

We will be sewing, ironing and assembling our bags. Can you help us have 10 bags ready to send to ASAH girls in Africa?

We will need sewing machines (and operators) with bright pink thread, sergers (and operators) with bright pink thread, irons, ironing boards and of course snacks! If you aren't into sewing, you can cut ribbon, iron, assemble kits, open soaps, etc. Lots of hands will make this fun and successful.

If you know you can attend, please let Jennifer know so we can set up for you. Please email potf2@msn.com or call/text: 515-577-7980.

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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."*

***The statement adopted 25 years ago did not include the words "identity and expression".**

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