



Urban Dale
 United
 Church of
 Christ

God is still speaking

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation

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

May 12, 2019

10:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The liturgical color for the Sundays of Easter is white, representing purity, holiness, light and completeness.



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SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist: TBD

Ushers & Greeters: Jim Nervig, Adam Dirks, Diane Gladson & Bob Harding

Acolytes: Jeff Couch

Nursery: Susan Joynt & Mary Minard

Opening the Church: Today, Jeff Couch Next Sunday, Mark Siegel

Sound Booth: Scott Davis

Flowers are given in memory of Barb Nervig from her family.

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

“Each one of us has our own evolution of life, and each one of us goes through different tests which are unique and challenging. But certain things are common. And we do learn things from each other's experience. On a spiritual journey, we all have the same destination.”

A. R. Rahman, Indian music director, composer, musician and singer.

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Hymn to Joy”
 Adult Handbells

arr. Kevin McChesney

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 (Based on Psalm 23)
 - ONE: People of God, come to this place of rest and renewal, so that you may know abundant life.
 - ALL: Our Shepherd offers us all that we need for life and peace for our spirits.**
 - ONE: People of God, let down your guard and release your fears, for in this place you are safe and secure.
 - ALL: We sit at table with those we thought of as enemies and even death itself bows to the will of God.**
 - ONE: People of God, stop running from the past! Do not fear the future! Quit looking over your shoulders in anxiety!
 - ALL: The only things pursuing us are God’s goodness and God’s love! Our future holds for us life in the household of our God.**

❖ OPENING HYMN “God Is My Shepherd” Hymnal 479
SOS Choir

❖ INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC “Climbin Up the Mountain” Mark Patterson

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS **() shawls made and presented by

High School Graduate
Elizabeth Mensing (Taena Fowler)

**ALL: As you start your new journey, may you be blessed by this shawl.
It is a symbol of God’s love and our love
and we pray that it will comfort you as you make this transition.
May you be blessed with all good things--finding new friends along the way.
You will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.**

RECOGNITION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, YOUTH GROUP LEADERS
& VOLUNTEERS

ANTHEM “God’s Peace” C.J. Adams
Adult Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON **Psalm 23** (The Inclusive Bible)

- ¹YHWH, you are my shepherd – I want nothing more.
- ²You let me lie down in green meadows; you lead me beside restful waters:
- ³you refresh my soul. You guide me to lush pastures for the sake of your Name.
- ⁴Even if I’m surrounded by shadows of Death, I fear no danger, for you are with me.
Your rod and your staff – they give me courage.
- ⁵You spread a table for me in the presence of my enemies,
and you anoint my head with oil – my cup overflows!
- ⁶Only goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in your house, YHWH, for days without end.

The translators of the King James Bible strove to retain a rhythmic and melodic sense of the Psalms, so it is not surprising that for many people who are devoted to this text, any other translation just sounds wrong. But in verse 6, the use of the word “forever” in the King James, is more accurately translated “to the end of days,” meaning either “forever,” or “for my whole life.” In either case, the Psalmist is not worried about the presence of God ever leaving.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON

“L’Chayim!”

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

HYMN

“I Love You Lord Today”

SPP 179

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

O God, our heavenly Father and Mother, may your name be sacred to us. May your realm become a reality for us. May your desires be fulfilled among us as they are in your courts. Give us today what we need for life. And forgive us for our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Guide us in tempting situations, and protect us from the power of evil. For the realm that is coming, the power that is growing, and the glory that is building, all belong to you 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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Kevin McChesney

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 the source of all our gifts!

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Hymnal 252

The candles are extinguished.

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

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary”

Gordon Young

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: **Laurayne Robinette...Alma Sims...Lee & Margaret Messenger**

Our members in seminary: **Lisa Griffith-Tierney & David Sheridan**

To notify the staff of a prayer concern, please use the slips of paper in the pew rack and drop them in the offering plate.

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, May 12

9:00 am Sunday School

9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation

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

Monday, May 13

6:00 pm Green Boat

Tuesday, May 14

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Lenten Bible Study

8:00 pm Scouts

Wednesday, May 15

7:30 pm AA

Saturday, May 18

9:00 am IA Conference Board of Directors

10:00 am Private Lessons

3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Upcoming Sundays

Sunday, May 19

10:00 am Worship

Special Music: Adult Choir & Raggedy Band

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Sunday, May 26

10:00 am Worship

Special Music: Beverly Zimmer

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Des Moines World Refugee Day

The Middle/High School Sunday School class worked on a project for Des Moines World Refugee Day the past month. We have 4 16x20 canvases with 1000 butterflies on them (representing 100,000 of the 25.4 million world refugees) but need more. The butterflies will be fixed on canvases and will be hung around Des Moines in the month of June. On June 22, we will collect all of the panels at the World Refugee Day celebration.

We are seeking individuals and groups to help create the panels. Consider committing to creating 1,000—or more—butterflies to help us reach our goal. We are also in search of businesses and organizations around Des Moines interested in showing their support for refugee communities by hanging one or more panels in their location.

If you are interested in helping make this work of art and act of support become a reality, please email Leslie Olson at humanwrite@hotmail.com or call 515-346-4869. Learn more about Des Moines World Refugee Day at <http://dsmworldrefugeeday.weebly.com/> and make sure to “like” us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/WRDDSM/

Sunday School & Adult Spiritual Formation 9:00-9:45 am

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

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6-12th 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:

This Week: Youth and Climate Change Presenters: Green Boat Crew & UUC Youth Leah Gardner

Annual Meeting Luncheon

The social committee is planning a salad luncheon on Sunday, June 2 following the service. We request each family bring a fruit, veggie, or meat salad or some combination which serves 6-8 people. Rolls or bread and beverages will be provided. The year-end Ice Cream Social organized by Rev Amy Murray will provide the dessert.

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**Pilgrim Heights Summer Camp 2019
"Peace Works!"**

The 2019 Pilgrim Heights Summer Camp Registrations and Brochures ARE IN! UUC provides 50% of the total cost for one camp per participant. Please turn in your registration in to Rev. Amy and allow for 2 weeks for the check to be made and mailed in to Pilgrim Heights.

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SUMMER Nursery Volunteers Needed!

Our beloved children and families need nursery volunteers from **10-11am on Sunday mornings beginning May 19th-September 1st** to work with staff member, Anjy Allen. Do you enjoy playing with children, reading stories, playing make believe and sharing God's love? Please see Rev. Amy Murray with dates that work for you. Children/Youth volunteers are expected to complete the Safety Training which includes a background check.

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Newcomers' Gathering

Newcomer's Gathering will be held at the home of Carol and Tim Leadingham on Tuesday, May 21st at 7 pm.

New members to our church are especially invited as well as visitors who would like to get better acquainted in a small group setting. If you would like to learn more about this group please contact maryellenknowles@hotmail.com.

Leadingham's

2614 30th Street, Des Moines Iowa 50310

Please RSVP Carol by call or text 208-755-4324, email cmleadingham@gmail.com

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"Dinner w/ Friends"

This month on May 24th at 6:30 pm we will be dining at Dumpling Darling, 212 E 3rd St, East Village, Des Moines. Please RSVP to Jeff Sontag at jvisualize@aol.com or jeff.sontag@urbucc.org no later than Wednesday, May 22nd

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Rev. Amy's Summer Schedule

Rev. Amy will take two Sundays off monthly May-August to compensate for the extra hours spent on trips to General Synod in June and Simply Smiles in late July and early August. For May she will be off Sunday, May 19th and 26th.

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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.”

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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