



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

January 12, 2020

10:00 a.m.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY~THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

The liturgical color for the First Sunday after Epiphany is white, representing purity and holiness, elements associated with the baptism of Christ.



SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist: Jill Hamilton

Ushers & Greeters: Jim Nervig, Adam Dirks, Diane Gladson, Wayne Waage

Acolytes: Kara Renfrow & Family

Nursery: Anjy Allen & Auvi McCord

Opening the Church: Today, Jeff Couch Next Sunday, Chris Jordan

Sound Booth: Scott Gardner

Flowers were given by Chris Jordan in remembrance of her dad,
Donald Jordan's birthday on January 14th.

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

"Reading about nature is fine, but if a person walks in the woods and listens carefully, he can learn more than what is in books, for they speak with the voice of God."

George Washington Carver

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

"I Got Shoes"
Adult Handbells

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

ONE: People of God, remember your baptism!

ALL: Some of us were only infants. We don't remember. We only have stories and certificates as evidence of that day.

ONE: People of God, remember your baptism!

ALL: Some of us have not been baptized. Our families left it to us, and we have never felt the need to have it done.

ONE: People of God, baptism is more than water and words! It is the response to God's call to faith and justice! It is the Spirit at work in you.

ALL: We remember times when this was clear to us, when the Spirit touched us, when life was transformed for us. We praise the God whose Word re-creates and restores.

❖ OPENING HYMN

"Your Ways Are Not Our Own"

Hymnal 170

❖ INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

"A Baptism Carol"
Adult Choir

Jane Foster Fox
Mark Wilson

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17 (The Inclusive Bible)

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴John tried to dissuade Jesus, saying, "I should be baptized by you, and yet you come to me!"

¹⁵But Jesus replied, "Leave it this way for now. We must do this to completely fulfill God's justice." So John reluctantly agreed.

¹⁶Immediately after Jesus had been baptized and was coming up out of the water, the sky suddenly opened up and Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and hovering over him.

¹⁷With that, a voice from the heavens said, "This is my Own, my Beloved, on whom my favor rests."

In verse 15, the word "justice" is used instead of the more commonly used word "righteousness" to carry the connotation of the Greek word dikaiosune, which is associated with fairness and equity. In the Jewish culture of the first century, fairness and equity were expected to accompany the coming reign of God. There was both a personal/ethical component and a societal/political component to this expectation.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON

"Listen to the Voice"

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

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

“What is This Lovely Fragrance”

Paul Manz

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

“Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

Hymnal 172

The candles are extinguished.

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

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Recessional”

Charles W. Ore

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

And our dear ones: **Laurayne Robinette...Alma Sims...Margaret Messenger**

Our member in seminary: **David Sheridan**

Awaiting ordination: **Lisa Griffith-Tierney**

Deployed: **Greg Boal**

Mission Partnership: **Simply Smiles Inc. & Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe**

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 UUCC

Sunday, January 12

9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Special Music: Adult Choir

11:00 am Budget Presentation

11:00 am K-2nd Grade OWL

11:00 am New Members' Class

11:00 am National Youth Event &

Simply Smiles Info Meeting

11:00 am Askable Parent Training

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Monday, January 13

6:00 pm Green Boat

Tuesday, January 14

11:00 am Staff Meeting

6:00 pm Parenting Way

8:00 pm Scouts

Wednesday, January 15

5:00 pm Parenting Way

WNA:

6:15 pm Adult Handbells

6:45 pm 7-9th Grade OWL

7:00 pm Adult Choir

7:00 pm PPCT

7:30 pm AA

Friday, January 17

6:30 pm Dinner w/ Friends

Saturday, January 18

9:00 am UUCC Women

9:00 am 7-9th Grade OWL Retreat

3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Upcoming Sundays

Sunday, January 19

9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Special Music: Adult Choir & Raggedy Band

11:00 am Sheltered Reality

11:00 am K-2nd Grade OWL

11:00 am New Members' Class

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Sunday, January 26

9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation

9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Special Music: Adult Choir

11:00 am Congregational Budget Meeting

11:00 am K-2nd Grade OWL

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Sunday School

Preschool-5th grade will begin in the Sanctuary from 9-9:10am for songs then will head up to Room 202.

6-12th graders will meet in the Lower Level 1 Classroom with Laura Fefchak and Jennifer Gardner.

Adult Spiritual Formation Calendar

Today: Budget Presentation, Presenters: Leadership Team

Next Sunday: Sheltered Reality

ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS

Sunday, January 12th: Informational session about the 2020 Budget after worship in the Sanctuary.

Sunday, January 26th: The Annual Congregational Budget Meeting and Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following worship to vote on the 2020 Budget.

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Are You an Askable Parent?

Please join us for the **Askable Parent Training on Sunday January 12, 2020 at 11-12:30pm.** Lunch will be provided.

To be *askable* means that young people see you as approachable and open to questions. It opens doors to closer relationships and to family connections. It's never too late to begin! Please see Rev. Amy with any questions.

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Dinner with Friends

Join us at the **Cheese Bar, 2925 Ingersoll Ave, Des Moines** on Friday, January 17th, 6:30 pm. Check out their website, <https://www.cheesebardsm.com/>

If you would like to join us for dinner, please rsvp Jeff Sontag at jeffsontag63@gmail.com or 515-554-2533 by Wednesday, January 15th so that reservations can be made.

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UUCC Women: Gain Strength Together as We Begin 2020

Come join us **January 18th** for our women's fellowship. **9:00~11:00 am.**

Claire Sowder will lead a 30-minute Jazzercise Lite Strength Training class. Most of the class will be taught in and using a chair, and Claire is able to differentiate instruction based on participants' needs. Please come in comfortable exercise clothing and shoes.

Please **RSVP** to jeannineldunn@gmail.com so we can prepare adequately. But don't stay away just because you did not RSVP! And if you can't be with us that day, we welcome your presence at our ongoing 3rd Saturday Gatherings!

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Silent Auction to Benefit Simply Smiles and National Youth Event

Start planning your themed basket now! Baskets will be displayed in Fellowship Hall starting February 2nd will be available for your viewing pleasure before and after worship **February 2nd, 9th & 16th**. We will have a reception announcing winners immediately following worship on Sunday, February 16th. A donation request letter is available if you would like to solicit items/gift cards from local businesses to add to your basket. Please see Rev. Amy to get your copy of the letter. **Baskets can be dropped off to Rev. Amy's office anytime. Baskets are needed by 9am on Sunday, February 2nd in Fellowship Hall. Please include the basket theme, who donated it and its monetary value.**

We encourage teams, individuals and small groups to consider contributing a basket. The possibilities are endless! Here are some ideas for your basket:

Sports Team	Cooking/baking	Games	Craft Supplies
Sports	Gift Cards	Gardening	Music
Movie Night	Self-Care	Barbecue	Night Out
Winter Survival kit	Pet	Books	Night In
Exercise	Toys	Coffee/Tea	Metro Area Attractions

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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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