



Urbandale
United
Church of
Christ

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

’ *God is still speaking*

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation

August 7, 2022

10:00 a.m.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*We are in the long season the Church calls “Ordinary Times.”
This is the season of “green” which reminds us of growth and maturing.
We focus on the impact of Christ in the world and how we are part of that movement.*

PRELUDE “O Thou in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight” Gilbert Martin

GREETING

*“My trust in a higher power that wants me to survive and have love in my life,
is what keeps me moving forward.”* — Kenny Loggins

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

❖ CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAISE⁺

One: In the beginning, God breathed life.

Many: Humankind began its journey.

One: For freedom, God called Moses to lead a journey.

Many: The People wandered towards the Promised.

One: In love, God entered the world in Jesus.

Many: Humankind could choose a new direction.

One: Still, God’s Spirit leads on pathways, roadways, and byways.

Many: Still, we take steps of love, freedom, and life.!

❖ OPENING SONG “We Stand Humbly In God’s Grace” #24 SPP
Hymn of the Month (Verse 1: Steve Linn; Verses 1 and 2: Everyone)

TAKING STOCK OF OUR BLESSINGS AND RESOURCES

We have heard it said, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Let our hearts direct the use of our resources, our time, and our talents. May our generosity meet God’s abundance in attending to the needs and hopes of our community.

Financial sharing of resources to support the mission and ministry of Urbandale UCC may be given in person, sent to the office, or donated through our website.

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Holy One, your promises are ancient and brand-new. They enrich our lives and give us hope. Out of your generous vision, we give thanks through our giving of time and treasure, talent and trust. Let our gifts reflect the trust and love we have in you through Jesus. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The Inclusive Bible

¹ Faith is the reality of all that is hoped for; faith is the proof of all that is unseen. ² Because of faith, our ancestors were approved by God. ³ By faith, we understand that the world was created by the word from God, and that what is visible came into being through the invisible.

⁸ By faith, Sarah and Abraham obeyed when they were called, and went off to the place they were to receive as a heritage; they went forth, moreover, not knowing where they were going.

⁹ By faith, Sarah and Abraham lived in the promised land as resident aliens, dwelling in tents with their children and grandchildren, who were heirs of the same promise—¹⁰ for they were looking forward to the city with foundations, whose designer and maker is God.

¹¹ By faith, Sarah received the ability to conceive, even though she was past childbearing age, for she thought that the One who had made the promise was worthy of trust. ¹² As a result of this faith, there came forth from one woman and one man, themselves as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands of the seashore.

¹³ All of them died in faith. They didn't obtain what had been promised, but saw and welcomed it from afar. By acknowledging themselves to be strangers and exiles on the earth, ¹⁴ they showed that they were looking for a country of their own. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the country from which they had come, they'd have been able to return to it. ¹⁶ But they were searching for a better country, a heavenly one. So God isn't ashamed of them, or ashamed to be called their God. That's why God has prepared a city for them.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"A Simple Song"
Soloist: Dan Jacobsen

Leonard Bernstein

SERMON

"Scenic Routes and Detours"

Rev. Coqui Conkey

SACREMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation
Communion Prayer
Blessing and Sharing the Bread and Cup

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father 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.

❖ CLOSING HYMN

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

NCH #18

❖ BLESSING

❖ POSTLUDE

"Send the Light"

Humphrey Turner

You are invited to conclude your time of worship by remaining in your seat and listening to the Postlude.

SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY
Opening/Closing the Church: Chris Jordan
Worship Greeters: Barb Woodsmall and Jim Benda
A/V Booth: Ryan Nussbaum (video) and Scott Davis (Audio)

This Week at UCC

Sunday, August 7

9:00 am Matu Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am New Member classes
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
1:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Monday, August 8

Tuesday, August 9

10:00 am Cello Rehearsal
11:00 am Staff Meeting
5:30 pm Parenting Way

Wednesday, August 10

7:30 pm AA

Thursday, August 11

7:00 pm Leadership Team

Friday, August 12

Saturday August 13

3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Lawn mowing and snow removal job opportunity

Urbandale United Church of Christ is looking for a person to mow and trim the church property in the summer months and provide snow removal for sidewalks and steps in the winter months. Parking lot snow removal is handled by another contractor and is not included in this opportunity.

If interested, The job description can be found at the website urbucc.org The work responsibilities would start with this coming winter snow removal

New Member Classes!

Urbandale UCC is offering its next round of new member classes! We will gather after service on the four Sundays of August, share a light lunch and meet for about an hour. Attendees can then formally join the church on Homecoming Sunday, September 11.

Please contact the membership team at jon.greising@urbucc.org, or call 515-343-0998. If you have been attending service online, we will accommodate you!

Congregational Meeting

We will have a brief Congregational meeting on Sunday, August 28th to vote on Leadership Team members as required by our Bylaws.

Worship Guides are always needed. It's an easy job and very important to welcome everyone. Please sign up in the narthex.

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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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