

"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are invited and welcome here."



URBANDALE UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST
a just world for all

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation

September 25, 2022

10:00 a.m.



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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
American Indian Ministry Sunday | United Samoan Ministries Sunday

*We are in the long season the Church calls "Ordinary Times."
For the month of September, we focus on our call to be Peace Makers.
"Peace Like a River" influenced our choice of water visuals for this time.*

PRELUDE "With Peace in My Soul" David Paxton

GREETING

"The time for healing of the wounds has come. The time to build is upon us...None of us acting alone can achieve success. We must therefore act together as a united people, for reconciliation, for nation building, for the birth of a new world."

- Nelson Mandela

❖ *This symbol invites the congregation to stand in body or spirit, **Bold** type indicates a unison response.
NCH refers to the New Century Hymnal; SPP refers to Sing! Prayer and Praise songbook.*

❖ CALL TO PRAYER AND PRAISE

One: Let us prepare our hands for a new and different touch.

Many: Let us prepare for an encounter.

One: Let us prepare our minds for a new and different thought.

Many: Let us prepare for an awakening.

One: Let us prepare our hearts for a new and different feeling.

Many: Let us prepare for a movement of hope.

One: Let us prepare for something new and different.

Many: Get ready. The Living One is here.

❖ OPENING SONG "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" NCH #273

TAKING STOCK OF OUR BLESSINGS AND RESOURCES

We are invited to offer resources, time, abilities, compassion, in a tangible expression of our hope for the future for ourselves, this community of faith and many others near and far away. Financial support for Urbandale UCC can be given in person, sent in the mail, or donated through the website. Be generous, my friends, with your trust in the future.

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, first, thank you for gathering us as one family within the great community of Christ. Thank you for the opportunities we have to learn with and from one another beyond our differences. Help us continue to grow with peace-filled interactions that affirm our connections and express your love. Amen.

ANTHEM "I Choose Love" Mark A. Miller
Adult Choir

In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping
score, I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.

When the world falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down, explanations can't
be found, I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 3:27-28

The Inclusive Bible

²⁷ All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ In Christ there is no Jew or Greek, slave or citizen, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus.

SERMON

“One Body”

Rev. Sarai Rice

HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Help Us Accept Each Other”

NCH #388

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

❖ CLOSING HYMN

“Peace”

SPP #193

Hymn of the Month

Verse 1: Choir; **Verse 2: All**

❖ BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Peace Abiding”

G. F. Handel/L. Smith

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: Bob Schmacher

Worship Greeters: Michelle Thies

A/V Booth: Ryan Nussbaum (Video) and Scott Davis (Audio)

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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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This Week at UCC

Sunday, September 25, 2022

- 9:00 am Matu Sunday School
- 9:00 am Sunday School & Emerging Adults
- 10:00 am Worship
- 12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
- 1:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Monday, September 26, 2022

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

- 11:00 am Staff Meeting
- 5:30 pm Parenting Way

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

- 6:00 pm Hand Bells
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir
- 7:30 pm AA

Thursday, September 29, 2022

Friday, September 30, 2022

Saturday, October 1, 2022

- 9:00 am Bowtie Boyz Tailgate Breakfast
- 3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
- 6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFUGEE MINISTRY UPDATE

The Refugee Ministry folks wish to thank you for the paper products you've been bringing. It's greatly appreciated. The refugee ministry is Collecting Toilet Paper, Diapers (Sizes 3, 4, & 5), Paper Towels, Kleenex, Disposable Cleaning Towels, and Reusable Cleaning Cloths, Dish Soap.



Refugee Ministry

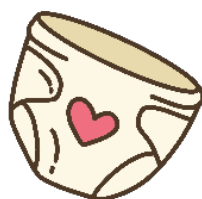
WEEKLY DONATION FOCUS ITEMS



Sep 25 - Oct 1

Oct 2 - Oct 8

Oct 9 - Oct 15



Diapers
Sizes: 3, 4, & 5



**Liquid Dish
Soap**



**Nonelectric
Razors + Shaving
Cream**

The drop-off boxes are across from the church office. Your help makes a difference! Thanks.

YOU CAN RING MY BELLLL, RING MY BELL!

I hope you enjoyed your summertime and found ways to get out and do things. September is here, and things are getting back to normal here at UCC. We have waited, and I am ready to get back to work with the Adult Bell Choir! I am looking for players to join our group ASAP. If you are interested, find the registration form on the table in the Narthex or see me sometime after church and let me know. I will have more info for rehearsal times forthcoming. We plan to rehearse in the Worship Space on Wednesday from 6 - 6:45 PM.

- Bobby

ARE YOU A FRIENDLY PERSON?

Do you think everyone should feel welcome at Urbandale UCC? If so, go to www.urbucc.org Click on "Worship Greeters Needed." Pick one or several dates, sign up, and know your service will be appreciated. You'll receive an email reminder, and all details of this ministry will be cheerfully provided. Try it! This is not a complicated service, and no advance prep is needed.

OCT. 2 MUFFINS WITH THE MODERATOR

Sandy will talk about her faith journey along with the priorities for this church year. We'll chat about the transitions that are happening and the next steps to get ready for our settled pastor. She will show you some of the new tools we've added to our church along with an open discussion of your hopes and dreams for the future.

SAVE THE DATE

All Church Transition Retreat - From A to BE - on October 15 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. here at the church.

All-Church Transition Retreat

From A to BE

"Write the Vision"

Saturday, October 15

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Questions to think about.....

**Who are
we today?**

**What resources
and assets
– including our passions –
can we count on?**

**What values and
mission
are at the core of our
institutional DNA?**

**Who
do we imagine
we will be in
five to ten years?
What will it take?**

The day will include:

- A report from the Transition Steering Team on the answers it heard and received to the questions about the congregation making them proud and meaningful engagement in the last three years.
- Time to slow down and experience the Spirit.
- Working with others on a creative project!
- Delving into what we say about ourselves in writing.
- Eating together! Lunch provided and a donation towards the cost will be welcome.
- We are working on childcare. (9/15)