
URBANDALE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation



MARCH 7, 2010

10:00 A.M.

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT ~ COMMUNION

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. Nursery care is available for children ages birth through three years. Please see an usher for location if you wish to use the nursery.

GREETING

Courage is the most important of all the virtues because without courage you can't practice any other virtue consistently. You can practice any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage. ~ *Maya Angelou*

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

Children 2nd grade and under are invited to the Everyone Is Welcome Room, where they will reflect on today's message. They will return at a later point in the service. However, parents may bring their children back to the sanctuary at any time.

PRELUDE

"Bourree"
Maeve Greising, violin

J.S. Bach

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *Their flames symbolizing God's Spirit.*

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

❖ CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

ONE: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger.
You who believe in me shall never thirst.

ALL: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

❖ OPENING HYMN

"Community of Christ"

NCH 314

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full of mercy, and you welcome sinners who return to you with penitent hearts. By your grace and tender mercy, receive us penitent sinners in your loving embrace. Seat us at your bountiful table of grace, that, with all your children, we may feast with delight on all that satisfies the hungry heart. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

❖ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

"The Food of Life"

early Am. tune, arr Bradley Ellingboe

We place upon your table, Lord, The food of life, the bread and wine,
As symbols of our daily work, According to your grand design.

Within these simple things there lie, The height and depth of human life:
Our pain and tears, our thoughts and toils, Our hopes and fears, Our joy and strife.

Accept them, Lord; they come from you; We take them humbly from your hand.
These gifts of yours for higher use, We offer up as you command.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

LENTEN DRAMA

“Ragman”

Jr. & Sr. High Youth
(author, Walter Wangerin, Jr.)

HYMN

“Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?”

NCH 539

RESPONSE

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!

As the plates are passed, please remember that there are many types of offerings that we may share. You may drop a note in to someone and the office will mail it on your behalf (cards are in the pew rack); you may hold the plates for a moment and pray for “those for whom no one prays;” or, take a moment and commit yourself to a special act of compassion this week.

OFFERTORY

“Simple Gifts”

Dale Wood

❖ DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below.**

tune: *Old Hundredth*
**Praise God above ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you and born of your servant Mary. We are grateful that Christ shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ’s death. We celebrate Christ’s resurrection, and in the beloved community of your church we await Christ’s return in glory at the end of history. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every generation who have stood as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and with all the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

This morning we will share the bread and cup by intinction. Starting from the front pews, please move to the center aisle (forming two lines) and come to the front. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Please return to your seat via the side aisles. After all who are able have come forward, any needing the elements brought to them will be served in the pews.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Compassionate God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table through the healing power of this gift of grace. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth in peace as we rejoice in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

COMMUNITY SHARING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Ruth Miller’s sister, **Bonnie Riggert... Mayta Bird... Joy Seydel...** Jennifer Gardner’s uncle, **Gary Lyon ... Harvey Locoh.**

The Rev. Juan R. Thomas and Beecher Memorial Congregational, New Orleans... and **Little Farms, River Ridge.**

And our dear ones: **Leta Van Pelt, Margaret Avaux and Leonard Phelps.**

*If you want, you can complete a card which is located in the pew, and drop it in the offering plate. Please put the full name of the person you are writing to, and the office will mail them on Monday. To list someone in this section, **with their permission**, please email tara.aukes@urbucc.org by the weekly bulletin deadline.*

THE 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, for ever. Amen.

❖ CLOSING HYMN “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” NCH 495

*The candles are extinguished.
God’s Spirit moves from our house of worship into the hearts of God’s people.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “If Thou But Suffer God To Guide Thee” J.S. Bach

Please reshelve the hymnals and put this used Bulletin in the recycle basket.

SERVING AT URBAN DALE UCC THIS SUNDAY	
10:00 Liturgist:	Aida Washburn
10:00 Acolytes:	Matthew & Sarah Siegel
10:00 Nursery:	Danielle Hilby, Deb Beery
10:00 EIW Room:	Carolyn Washburn, Grace Clark
10:00 Ushers and Greeters:	Laura Fefchak, Jennifer Gardner, Jeff Couch, Chris Jordan
Opening the Church:	Today: Mark Siegel Next Sunday: Jeff Couch
Flowers are given by Carol & Roger Sharp in honor of their children.	

THIS WEEK AT URBANDALE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Today: 7 March

9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Worship: Communion
Youth present "Ragman"
Adult Choir

Monday, 8 March

7:00p Leadership Team

Tuesday, 9 March

9:30a Caregivers

Wednesday, 10 March

9:00a **Bulletin Announcements Due**
5:30p Community Spaghetti Supper
7:00p Adult Choir

Thursday, 11 March

7:00p Book Club

***NO SOS or Bell Choir rehearsal for the next 2 weeks:
March 10 due to Des Moines school conferences, March 17 is Spring Break.***

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday, 14 March: Daylight Savings Time

NO Sunday School
10:00a Worship
Adult Choir, Raggedy Band
NO New Member Class

Sunday, 21 March

9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Worship
Adult Choir
11:30a New Member Class 3

New Member Classes

New Member Classes continue **today** and on **March 14** at 11:30 following worship. Persons interested in joining the church will have the opportunity to do so on **Palm Sunday, March 28**. Please contact Jennifer Gardner to sign up (so we have enough lunch for you). She can be contacted by e-mail at jennifer.gardner@urbucc.org, or phone the church office, 276-0625. Please let us know if childcare is needed.

~~UCC~~ Unique Card Creations

Note Cards are for sale **TODAY** following worship. UCC Unique Card Creations has hand-made note cards available for purchase on the first Sunday of each month. Proceeds from sales are given to the general church budget. Questions? Contact Ann Boes, ann.boes@urbucc.org.



Order Easter Flowers Now!

If you would like to donate Easter flowers for the chancel, we will again be purchasing them from Central Iowa Floral, Inc. There will be several varieties to choose from: Easter Lilies are \$10; Azaleas (pink or red) are \$10 or \$15, depending on which size you choose; Hydrangeas (pink or blue) are \$15; Mums (white, yellow or lavender) are \$10.

Order envelopes are on the narthex table. Fill one out, include payment, and make checks payable to Urbandale UCC ("Easter flowers" in the memo line). **All orders are due TODAY, March 7th.**

◆ ***Food Pantry*** ◆

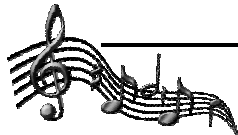
The response to the Food Pantry emphasis in Lent has been wonderful. We have already collected over 500 food items. One person is writing a check to the Food Pantry each Sunday during Lent. Others are buying flats of canned vegetables or fruit. Still others are bringing a few items to church each Sunday. Whatever you bring is a fitting response to our Lord's sacrifice for us. *Ray Bowler*

Follow-up on Lombard Center Workshop

On Friday, February 12 and Saturday, February 13, approximately 50 people participated in the Facilitating Healthy Pastor-Congregation Relations workshop. Bob Williamson of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center was the facilitator. The workshop was a mix of lecture and group discussion, focusing on the emotional processes of congregations. Participants learned how Bowen Family Systems theory can be applied to congregational life and how leaders can function in well-differentiated ways in order to lessen the likelihood of destructive conflict. The workshop also outlined ways in which churches can strengthen congregational structures and processes, in order to limit the impact of anxiety on the church system as a whole.

The Leadership Team supported bringing the Lombard staff to UUCC as part of our interim work to prepare ourselves for a new called Pastor. Each table was asked to submit their ideas for follow-up to Debbie Gannon or Laura Fefchak. So if you have not done so, please summarize your thoughts and send to Laura or Debbie. If you attended the workshop and would like to be involved in providing leadership as we work to implement ideas from this training, please let us know. In the very near future, we will hold a brainstorming session to prioritize our actions, and your presence is necessary to make this happen!

We would also like to extend our gratitude to Joyce Hjort and her team for providing us with wonderful food during the workshop.



Memorial Gifts Bless Many

Monetary gifts which are given to our church in memory of loved ones and friends are used in a variety of ways to enhance the life of our congregation. The family of Doug Hjort requested that his memorial money be used in the music department. After the Adult Choir and Elsie Naylor explored options, it was decided to commission an anthem in Doug's memory. The composer is Dr. Craig Phillips, Director of Music at All Saints Episcopal Parish, Beverly Hills, CA. The premiere performance of the music will be in a Choir Concert, to be held here Sunday, May 2 at 3 pm. Additional anthems, SOS Choir, instrumentalists and soloists round out the program.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers

Perry Washburn has reserved five spots for Habitat for Humanity work in Des Moines on **Thursday, March 18**. The work is inside, demo-ing or rehabbing existing houses. Contact Perry by email (pwash@mchsi.com) if you can attend. Work days run from 8:15 am to about 3:30 pm. If that day does not work, you are welcome to sign up for another day, on your own, at the Habitat website: www.gdmhabitat.org. Just let Perry know if you do that, so we can keep track of our volunteer efforts. We plan on working on another Habitat multi-faith build this spring. More details on dates, and a special El Salvador dinner fundraiser, coming in a few weeks. If you would like to donate to our Habitat efforts, make checks payable to UUCC and put "Habitat" in the notes field.

Pastor Bob will be away from Wednesday, March 10 through Wednesday, March 17. In case of pastoral emergencies, please contact Karl Andersen, 440-1781 or karl.andersen@urbucc.org.

☀️🌙 Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday! ☀️🌙

SUNDAY SCHOOL: SUNDAYS, 9:00-9:45 AM

Christian Education at Urbandale UCC is a spirit-filled adventure for all ages from 3 years to adult. Grades 5 and under follow the Gather 'Round curriculum, with lessons focusing on key stories of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. 6-8th graders and 9th-12th graders are guided by their teachers through units based on the big themes of Christian church life. Lessons use Bible study, film, drama, art, discussion, and other resources to explore ideas like worship, community, mission and stewardship.

Preschool	Ed Wing 202	Grades 3, 4 & 5	Ed Wing 203
Grades K, 1 & 2.....	Lower Level 1	Grades 6, 7 & 8.....	Fellowship Hall SE
	Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12	Fellowship Hall NW	

Adult Spiritual Formation, held in Fellowship Hall, 9:00-9:45 am:

TODAY: *Search Engine Update*, presented by Bonita Wiley and Pastor Search Team.

March 14: **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL to allow our teachers, children and youth to spend time with their families for spring break.**

Bible Study: Discussion of Sunday's lectionary text led by Pastor Bob, Pastor's office, 9:00-9:45 am.



Community Spaghetti Dinner will be served from 5:30-7:00 pm

5:30-6:00	SOS Choir	1 st -8 th grade
6:00-6:30	Youth Handbells	4 th -Sr. High
6:30-7:00	Adult Handbells	Sr. High and up
7:00-8:30	Adult Choir	Sr. High-Adults

From 5:30-7:00 pm, childcare is available. Ages birth through 3 years may play in the nursery with Judy Waters and Angie Kenna. **There is NO SOS or Bell Choir rehearsal for the next 2 weeks: March 10 due to Des Moines school conferences, March 17 due to Spring Break.**

Come to the Community Spaghetti Dinner, this Wednesday, March 10!

Everyone is welcome! To help, you may sign up to bring a food item, assist with meal prep, or for clean-up duty. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet. Questions? Contact Jennifer Gardner.

COMING EVENTS:

Look for details of these and other coming events on the Community Events Bulletin Board!

TODAY: *Scholarship Brunch*, 8:30 am-1:30 pm at Urbandale's Lions Park Shelter House, 72nd & Prairie Ave; adults, \$5—children under 3, \$3.

February 26 –March 14: *Jones Pfeifer stars as "Benny"* in the production of "The Box Car Children" at the Des Moines Playhouse; see further details on the bulletin board.

Monday, March 8: *Volunteer Opportunity.* Help with immigrant and refugee populations at Adult English Language Learner classes on Monday evenings, beginning March 22; come to an informational meeting at Karen Acres School, 6 pm in the Media Center.

Thursday, March 11: *Hunger Hike Volunteer Celebration and Meal*, 5:30 pm at First Christian Church, 25th & University; no charge.

Donate Gently Used Prom Dresses and shoes for Urbandale High School students who may not be able to afford Prom attire. Contact Lee Anne Cutler if you have something to donate: 457-6882, cutlerl@urbandale.k12.ia.us.

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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, 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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