

URBANDALE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
*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.”

God is still speaking

June 25, 2017

10:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*The liturgical color for the Sundays after Pentecost is green representing the growth and vitality of the Church.*



SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

**Liturgist:** Jill Hamilton

**Ushers & Greeters:** Sharon Johnson, Kathy Marean, Margaret Christian, Bob Shoemaker

**Acolytes:** Griffith-Tierney Family

**Nursery:** Deb Beery, Susan Joynt

**Opening the Church: Today,** Jerry Woods **Next Sunday,** Chris Jordan

**Sound Booth:** Scott Gardner

Flowers are given by given by Sue Renfrow in honor of  
Eliana’s 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, June 16 and Parker’s 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday July 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

“It is better to be violent, if there is violence in our hearts, than to put on the cloak of nonviolence to cover impotence.”  
~Mahatma Gandhi

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Reflections on the Spirit”

Joel Raney

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: You are invited to become students of the Rabbi who asks much of those who would learn of the mysteries of God.

**ALL: We struggle to understand how saving our lives results in our lives lost, how sparrows warrant God’s attention, how what is whispered in the dark gets shouted from the roofs. We are certainly not superior to our Teacher!**

ONE: You are challenged to become followers of the Way, which demands everything of you so that everything can be given to you.

**ALL: We must take up the instruments of our own deaths, subject ourselves to being called evil incarnate, and follow in the footsteps of Jesus. We are definitely not above our leader!**

ONE: You are called to live as God's children, which means that God's peace and love and blessings are yours, and life is made completely new!

**ALL: There is nothing to fear! There is nothing keeping us from abundant life! Let us joyfully adore the One who cherishes us above all things!**

❖ OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

Hymnal 4

❖ INVOCATION

## PROCLAMATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Canonic Sonata III, Vivace”  
Emily Sheridan and Nathan Smith, oboe

George Philipp Telemann

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

**Matthew 10:24-39** (The Inclusive Bible)

<sup>24</sup> “A student is not superior to the teacher; the follower is not above the leader. <sup>25</sup> The student should be glad simply to become like the teacher, the follower like the leader.

“If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of the household!

<sup>26</sup> “Don't let people intimidate you. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing is hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in darkness, speak in the light. What you hear in private, proclaim from the housetops.

<sup>28</sup> “Don't fear those who can deprive the body of life but can't destroy the soul. Rather, fear the one who can destroy both body and soul in Gehenna.

<sup>29</sup> “Are not the sparrows sold for pennies? Yet not a single sparrow falls to the ground without your Abba God's knowledge. <sup>30</sup> As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid of anything – you are worth more than an entire flock of sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before Abba God in heaven. <sup>33</sup> Whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before Abba God in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Don't suppose that I came to bring peace on earth. I came not to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> I have come to turn

‘A son against his father,  
a daughter against her mother,  
in-law against in-law.

<sup>36</sup> One's enemies will be  
the members of one's own household.’

<sup>37</sup> “Those who love mother or father, daughter or son more than me are not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> Those who will not carry with them the instrument of their own death – following in my footsteps – are not worthy of me.

<sup>39</sup> “You who have found your life will lose it, and you who lose your life for my sake will find it.

*The word “Gehenna” is a Greek transliteration of the Hebrew “ge Hinnom” or “ge ben Hinnom” which refer to a valley outside of Jerusalem that in the first century was a garbage dump with fires burning to dispose of trash. In pre-Israelite times, the site was used by indigenous religions to sacrifice children to the god Molech. In the religious reform movement of King Josiah, (640-609 BCE) the site was permanently defiled so that this practice, continued by some Israelites, would cease. (see II Kings 23:10)*

SERMON "What Could Possibly Go Wrong?" Pastor Dave  
PRAYER HYMN "God's Eye Is on the Sparrow" Hymnal 475

### RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE 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.**

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 "How Great Thou Art" Albert Zabel

*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

"For the Healing of the Nations"

Hymnal 576

*The candles are extinguished.*

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

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Matt Limbaugh

*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](mailto:staff@urbucc.org) by the weekly bulletin deadline.

Keep in your thoughts and prayers:

**Bob Stacy ...Jamel Carter...Elsie Naylor...Don Walters...Louise Haney...Randy Jedele...Diann Miller**

And our dear ones: **Alma Sims...Verna LeVear**

To notify the staff of a prayer concern, or to send a note of caring and support to someone, please use the cards in the pew rack and drop them in the offering plate. Please indicate whether prayer concerns should be forwarded to our Prayer Chain. Notes will be mailed on Monday, provided we have the recipient's full name and the sender's signature.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides prayer shawls to people experiencing difficult circumstances or life transitions. For more information, email [prayer.shawls@urbucc.org](mailto:prayer.shawls@urbucc.org).

**This Week at UCC**

**Sunday, June 25**

**10:00 am Worship**

**Special Music: Emily Sheridan**

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

**Tuesday, June 27**

11:00 am Staff Meeting

**Wednesday, June 28**

**5:30 pm UPIC~Lyons Park**

7:00 pm AA

**Upcoming Sundays**

**Sunday, July 2**

**10:00 am Worship: Communion**

**Special Music: Maeve Greising**

**11:00 am Goodbye Reception~ Juanita Baker**

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

**Sunday, July 9**

**10:00 am Worship**

**Special Music: Ken Hanson**

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

**5:30 pm VBS**

**SPECIAL NOTE FROM GREEN BOAT CREW**

**WATCH TONIGHT: 8:00 p.m., Sunday, June 25, 2017, the film "From the Ashes"** broadcast on the National Geographic Cable Channel. The film provides a timely and important examination of coal's role in climate change and offers "compelling and often-heartbreaking stories about what is at stake for our economy, health and climate." (National Geographic Press Release 4/13/17). For more information and to view the trailer see <https://www.fromtheashesfilm.com>.

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**United Parenting in Christ (UPIC) is back!**

**Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at Lyons Park in Urbandale from 5:30-7pm**

**Calling all families of Preschool-6th graders!** All are welcome and invited to come play, have a snack and share our parenting stories and chaos together. Bring your own drink. Snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to Nicole Berger or Rev. Amy.

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**Goodbye Reception Honoring Juanita Baker**

Following worship July 2nd. Hosted by the choir. All are welcome!

**Family Promise week is coming on July 30-August 6, 2017!**

Our next opportunity to provide shelter for three families at UCC is coming up on July 30 - August 6 (NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE FROM OUR ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED DATE). There are lots of ways you can help-- use the big signup board in the narthex, contact one of the coordinators (Jon Duvick, Bob Harding, Bridget Edwards, Kathy Marean) or sign up online at <https://signup.zone/uucc-fp>

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**Help Kids in Need Start their School Year with a Backpack Full of Supplies**

Please take a backpack (or two) home with you. Attached to the bag (and inside the bag) is a list of supplies needed for an Urbandale student to start their school year off with the necessary supplies. There are 3 different age groups (K-1st/2nd-5th/Middle School & High School) for you to pick from.

Please return the filled bag to the Narthex by **July 16<sup>th</sup>**. The bags will be distributed at the annual Back to School Immunization Clinic on August 3<sup>rd</sup> at Urbandale Middle School. Please see Jennifer Gardner if you have questions.

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**BRANCHING OUT: Connecting through Christ @ Pilgrim Heights**

The 2017 summer camp brochures are here! Pick up your copy on the table in the narthex. If you are a returning camper you can also expect a registration in the mail. Please note that camps are filled on a first come, first serve basis. **UCC pays half of each camper's total and will pay for one camp per individual.** Please make checks out to *Our Sacred Space* and turn in 50% of the total balance along with your registration to Rev. Amy. Please contact Rev. Amy Murray if you have further questions. The camp brochure may also be viewed on Pilgrim Height's website:

[http://pilgrimheights.org/site/assets/files/1137/2017\\_residential\\_camp\\_brochure\\_final.pdf](http://pilgrimheights.org/site/assets/files/1137/2017_residential_camp_brochure_final.pdf)

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**Urbandale 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Planners Needed!**

***“Uniquely Urbandale- Urbandale’s Centennial 1917-2017”***

Summer is upon us and the parade is almost here! We need a few parade types interested in riding, walking, handing out candy, VBS fliers and two vehicles to carry it all! We need candy donations to pass out and will advertise our upcoming this year's Vacation Bible School: Super Hero Central. We need you to help get the word and invite the community to experience how UCC does VBS! Stay tuned on for dates to decorate. Please see Rev. Amy with your interest.

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***JustFaith***

**Want to learn more about a journey of faith and compassion?** JustFaith is an inspiring and energizing program that engages participants in Jesus's life and witness and our Gospel call to love and serve others. In community with other participants, you'll share a spiritual journey of faith and compassion that is life-giving. For more information about the program or to find out where *JustFaith* groups are being offered in the Des Moines area this fall, visit [www.centerforsocialministry.org](http://www.centerforsocialministry.org) or contact Susie Tierney at the Center for Social Ministry, 515-782-3054 or [centerforsocialministry@gmail.com](mailto:centerforsocialministry@gmail.com). Or, like us on Facebook.

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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.”*

### Staff

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Church Office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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*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.*