

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

October 15, 2017

10:00 a.m.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Liturgical color for the Sundays of Ordinary time is Green, representing Growth and Vitality of the Christian Church.



SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Ushers & Greeters: Jerry & Dianne Woods, Bob Harding, Wayne Waage

Acolytes: Gossling Family

Nursery: Anjy Allen & Carla Briggs

Opening the Church: Today, Mark Siegel **Next Sunday,** Jerry Woods

Sound Booth: Scott Gardner

The flowers were given by Jim Benda in appreciation of
Pastor Dave, Rev. Amy, Steve and Bobby.

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

“Anxiety does not empty tomorrow of its sorrows, but only empties today of its strength.”

~Charles Spurgeon

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Cuando el Pobre”
Raggedy Band

Jose Antonio Olivar &
Miguel Manzano

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: Like Martha at work in the kitchen, we are anxious and worried about many things.

ALL: We are here to attend to what is most needful. We will listen for God’s Word.

ONE: Like Peter stepping out of the boat, we are fearful of life’s violent storms.

ALL: We are here to overcome our fears. We will take courage from God’s Promises.

ONE: Like the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, we are in God’s care!

ALL: We are here to praise the One who provides for and protects us. We join our voices in songs of thanksgiving, for our God renews our lives and restores our hope!

❖ OPENING HYMN

“God Reigns o’er All the Earth”

Hymnal 21

❖ INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“To Believe”

arr. Heather Sorenson

Adult Choir

Ken Hanson, soloist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 4:1-9 (The Inclusive Bible)

¹For these reasons, my sisters and brothers – you whom I so love and long for, you who are my joy and my crown – continue, my dear ones, to stand firm in Christ Jesus.

²I implore Euodia and Syntyche to come to an agreement with each other in Christ. ³And I ask you, Syzygus, to be a true comrade and help these coworkers. These two women struggled at my side in defending the Good News, along with Clement and the others who worked with me. Their names are written in the Book of Life.

⁴Rejoice in the Savior always! I say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let everyone see your forbearing spirit. Our Savior is near. ⁶Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. ⁷Then God’s own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, my sisters and brothers, your thoughts should be wholly directed to all that is true, all that deserves respect, all that is honest, pure, decent, admirable, virtuous or worthy of praise.

⁹Live according to what you have learned and accepted, what you have heard me say and seen me do. Then will the God of peace be with you.

There is variation in the ancient texts which allows for the word syzyge to be considered a proper noun. It is not found elsewhere used in this way. If we understand it to simply mean “partner,” then Luke, Silas, Timothy, Epaphroditus, and an unknown member of the Philippian Church have all been suggested as the person addressed.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON

“Letting Go of Anxiety”

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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, forever and ever. Amen, Amen. Forever and ever. Amen, Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

ONE: God is good!
ALL: All the time!

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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

“Lean on Me”
Raggedy Band

Bill Withers

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!**

❖ DEDICATION OF SANCTUARY LIGHTS, CARPETS, AND OFFERING

**We dedicate these improvements and this offering to the glory of God,
to the honor of Jesus Christ, and to the praise of the Holy Spirit!**

❖ CLOSING HYMN

“Many Are the Lightbeams”

Hymnal 163

*The candles are extinguished.
God’s Spirit remains as a living flame in the hearts of God’s people.*

POSTLUDE

“This Land is your Land”
Raggedy Band

Woody Guthrie

During the Postlude, Worshippers are invited to gather outside the south doors.

❖ DEDICATION OF LANDSCAPING

(outside south entrance, weather permitting)

**We dedicate this landscaping to the glory of God,
to the honor of Jesus Christ, and to the praise of the Holy Spirit!**

❖ BENEDICTION

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...Elsie Naylor...Don Walters...Louise Haney...Randy Jedele...Diann Miller

And our dear ones: **Alma Sims...Verna LeVear...Lee & Margaret Messenger**

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.

This Week at UCC

Sunday, October 15

9:00 am Sunday School & ASF
10:00 am Worship: Landscape & Lighting Dedication
Special Music: Adult Choir & Raggedy Band
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Monday, October 16

CALL DUE
6:00 pm Book Club

Tuesday, October 17

11:00 am Staff Meeting
7:00 pm Adult OWL

Wednesday, October 18

WNA
6:00 pm Urbandale Food Pantry
6:30 pm Adult Bells
6:45 pm OWL (7th-9th Graders)
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm AA

Saturday, October 21

9:00 am Private Lessons

Upcoming Sundays

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am Sunday School & ASF
10:00 am Worship
Special Music: Adult Choir
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am Sunday School & ASF
10:00 am Worship
Special Music: Adult Choir
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Show Your UCC Pride and buy a shirt today!

UCC apparel is back for a limited time! Order forms are on the table in the narthex along with descriptions of material and colors available. **All orders must be turned in to Rev. Amy no later than after worship, TODAY.**

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Family Promise

Just a reminder that our next Family Promise week is coming soon, on **October 22-29**. We will shelter three families overnight for a week while they seek jobs and permanent housing. There are many ways to help, as always, so please consider signing up to volunteer-- you can use the whiteboard in the Narthex, sign up online at <https://signup.zone/ucc-fp>.

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Trunk or Treat

Wednesday, October 25th

Please consider offering your trunk for our trunk-or-treaters from 5:30-6pm in our west parking lot. Candy will be given to those who volunteer trunks. Feel free to decorate your trunk and get creative! Treaters feel free to wear a costume, bring a sack to collect candy and wear your walking shoes since we will be parading to each church.

5:30-6:15pm Supper at UCC

6:45-7pm Parade to Covenant Christian

6:15-6:45pm Games at St. Stephen's

7-7:30pm Hot Chocolate & Closing Worship

Please consider donating a bag of individually wrapped candies. Please drop off in Rev. Amy's office.

Sunday School, Emerging Adults & ASF 9:00-9:45 am

Preschool to 5th grade will meet in the Sanctuary for Singing w/ Bobby from 9-9:10 am then up to the Upper Ed Wing for Bible Study Time.

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6-7th graders will meet in the NW corner of Fellowship Hall

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Emerging Adults (8th-12th grades) will be meeting in the SE corner of Fellowship Hall

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Adult Spiritual Formation (ASF) ~ 9:00-9:45am in Fellowship Hall:

Today: *Urbandale Food Pantry (Recipient of Building on the Promise)*, Presenter: Sue Koch, Past President of Board of Directors & Pioneer Volunteer for Urbandale Food Pantry

Next Week: *DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)*, Presenter: Bryan Bonilla, “Dreamer”

Wednesday Night Alive (WNA) 5:30-8:30 pm

Trekkin’ Through the Bible
(K-6th grade)

October 18: Food Pantry Night

October 25: Trunk or Treat

Activity Schedule for October 18 th	
<u>Time:</u>	<u>Activities:</u>
6:00-6:30 pm	Urbandale Food Pantry
6:30-7:00 pm	Adult Bells
6:45-8:00 pm	OWL (7 th -9 th Grade)
7:00-8:30 pm	Adult Choir

AMOS Des Moines City Council Accountability Session

AMOS is hosting an accountability session for candidates running for the Des Moines City Council. An accountability session is a public meeting focused on creating a relationship with our future public officials, and gaining their concrete commitments to work with AMOS to address key issues such as:

- Working families make a living wage; families have access to quality housing they can afford;
- Adults and children alike have access to public transit connecting them to work, resources, and community;
- People feel safe in their neighborhoods, and trust rather than fear police; Children and youth have safe places to play, and they have a future in college or the living wage workforce, not prison;
- Neighborhoods are places where people know each other, and where new arrivals to our community are welcomed.

Together, we can create a community where all can succeed. Join us for “Creating a Community Where All Can Succeed,” Tuesday, October 17, at 7:30 PM, Plymouth UCC, 4126 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines.

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An Evening to End Hunger: a conversation with David Beckman

The Southeastern Iowa Synod is hosting a special event featuring **David Beckman, President of Bread for the World and a World Food Prize Laureate**. The event will be held during the week of the World Food Prize on Wednesday evening, **October 18, 2017**, at St. James Lutheran Church, 5665 Merle Hay Road, Johnston, Iowa, from 7:00-9:00 PM. All are invited to attend, to hear stories about and to be encouraged to feed hungry people here in Iowa and beyond.

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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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