



Urbandale
United
Church of
Christ

God is still speaking

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

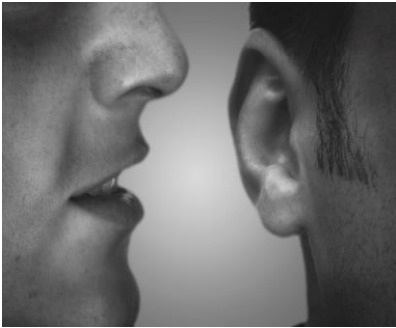
A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation

February 3, 2019

10:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Liturgical Color for the Sundays after Epiphany is green, representing the growth and vitality of the Community of Faith.



SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist: Patricia Goldberg

Ushers & Greeters: Jeff Couch, Kathy Marean, Jacob Walters, Stephen Walters

Acolyte: Berger Family

Nursery: Anjy Allen & Susan Joynt

Opening the Church: Today, Chris Jordan Next Sunday, Jeff Couch

Sound Booth: Jon Duvick

Flowers were given by Jean Swift in memory of her sister, Ruth Spencer.

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

“Words, without power, is mere philosophy.”

~ Muhammad Iqbal

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“The Inward Heart”

Anna Laura Page

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: We are a people who are known by God, and cherished for simply being.

ALL: No matter how hard we resist, God draws us into the sacred dance of life!

ONE: We are a community that is consecrated for the work of God, and equipped to do extraordinary things.

ALL: No matter what excuses we use, God calls us into the mission of hope!

ONE: We are a movement that carries the words of God’s promise, and lives them in the things we say and do.

ALL: No matter who attempts to silence our voices, God prompts us to testify!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, we have tried every excuse to avoid speaking the truth. We have dismissed our own gifts and claimed a poverty of abilities, when you have given us responsibilities and obligations to speak your words and convey your love. Forgive us for refusing to speak on behalf of those who have no voice, for waiting for others to step up to the mic, for thinking that it is not our place to be prophets of the justice you insist upon. Remind us that the only requirement for speaking in your name is that you call us to do so. Bring us into the struggle for justice and peace and give us the words we need to turn despair into hope and fear into trust. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“A Prayer for Peace”
Adult Choir & Patrick Riley, Cello

Baker-Dennis

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (The Inclusive Bible)

⁴ Now the word of YHWH came to me and said:

⁵ “Before I formed you in the womb, I chose you.

Before you were born, I dedicated you.

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.”

⁶ I said, “But Sovereign YHWH! I don’t know how to speak! I’m too young!”

⁷ But YHWH said, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’

Now, go wherever I send you. And say whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not fear anyone, for I am with you to protect you. It is YHWH who speaks.”

⁹ Then YHWH touched my mouth and said to me,

¹⁰ “Look, I am putting my words in your mouth.

This day I appoint you over nations and territories, to uproot and to tear down,
to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant.

This passage contains many of the elements of the standard “Prophet’s Call” oracle. One prominent theme is the denial of ability to speak in God’s name. From Moses’ call at the burning bush onward, those called typically denied the possibility of them being God’s messengers. In this case, Jeremiah thinks he is too young, and doesn’t know how to speak. This may be a reference to not being familiar with the palace protocols in place to address the royal court.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON

“Whose Words Are in Your Mouth?”

Pastor Dave

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!

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

“Simple Gifts”

Dale Wood

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

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. If you wish to be served in your pew, please raise your hand as communion is being served. *A gluten free option is available.*

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. Amen.

❖ CLOSING HYMN

“There’s A Spirit of Love in This Place”

SPP 33

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

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Voluntary I”

William Rowan

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...Don Walters...Diann Miller

And our dear ones: **Laurayne Robinette...Alma Sims...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 Tuesday, 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, February 3

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 am Worship: Communion
Special Music: Adult Choir & Patrick Riley
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Tuesday, February 5

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, February 6

5:30 pm Worship Team
5:30 pm SOS Choir
6:15 pm Adult Handbells
6:45 pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:30 pm AA

Saturday, February 9

8:00 am Stamp Camp w/ Jennifer
1:00 pm Private Group
3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Upcoming Sundays

Sunday, February 10

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 am Worship
Special Music: Adult Handbells & Adult Choir
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
5:00 pm 7-12th Grade Youth Group
Regressive Dinner

Sunday, February 17

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 am Worship
Special Music: Raggedy Band & Adult Choir
11:00 am Silent Auction Reception
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Silent Auction to Benefit Camperships & General Synod

We need your creativity and support! Start planning your themed basket now. Baskets will be displayed in Fellowship Hall starting TODAY. Each basket will have a clip board to record your bid and the value of the item. Basket will be available for your viewing pleasure before and after worship today and February 10th and 17th. **Bidding closes at 10am on the 17th.** We will have a reception announcing winners immediately following worship on Sunday, February 17th. Proceeds go to our Campership, Simply Smiles & General Synod Fund to continue our mission of paying 50% tuition for each camper.

We encourage teams and small groups to consider contributing a basket. See the CALL for some neat basket ideas!

Sunday School & Adult Spiritual Formation 9:00-9:45 am

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

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6-12th graders will meet in the NW corner of Fellowship Hall

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

This Week: *Human Trafficking: An Iowa Perspective*, Presenter: Mary Kate Leister, Program Specialist

Next Week: *Mental Health Supports in Des Moines Public Schools*, Presenter: Stephanie McFarland, MSW, LISW Behavioral Health Services Coordinator for Des Moines Public Schools

FAMILY PROMISE

Our next Family Promise week is coming February 10th -17th. During that week we will be sheltering and providing evening meals and transportation to 3 families in need of temporary housing. Please check the big signup board in the narthex and think about how you might be able to help in this important ministry. -Jon Duvick, FP coordinator

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7-12th Youth Group Regressive Dinner

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, Feb. 10th from 5:00-8pm** for our **3rd Annual Regressive Dinner**. Meet at church by 5pm and we will head to the Greising & Fowler residence for dessert first, the Sickelka residence for the main course and end our evening at the Brandhorst & Regenwether residence for appetizers. **Parents are to pick up your youth at UCC by 8pm.** Please sign-up on the permission form outside Rev. Amy's office giving your youth permission to attend and be transported by youth leaders to each house no later than **Sunday, Feb. 3rd** so our gracious hosts can plan accordingly.

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Dinner with Friends

Friday, February 15th, 6:30 pm at Paesano's Pizzeria, 2804 SW 9th St, Des Moines
Paesano's Pizzeria has been a Des Moines staple since 1982. Known for their homemade onion rings, thin crust pizza, pastas and more. And now offering vegan and gluten free options.

If you would like to join us for dinner, please rsvp Jeff Sontag at jvisualize@aol.com or 515-554-2533 by Wednesday, February 13th so that reservations can be made.

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7-12th Fundraiser for Simply Smiles & General Synod Recycling Cans & Bottles

We have a recycling can ready to accept your refundable recyclables near the shed by the Memorial Garden. All the money received from redeeming cans and bottles will help the youth with our trips to South Dakota and Wisconsin next summer. If you are unable to bring your cans/bottles to church, please contact Anjy Allen to arrange a pick up. Thank you for supporting our youth!

UCC's Inclement Weather Policy

The church office will be closed on any day that either Urbandale or Des Moines Public Schools are closed as a result of inclement weather. On those days, all church programming will be canceled. If classes are dismissed early, all events at the church will also be canceled.

On Sunday mornings with inclement weather, decision will be made by 7:30AM. The recorded message on the church phone system will be changed. (Press 3 for cancellations.) Local television stations will be notified to publicize the announcement and the information will also be posted on UCC's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/UrbandaleUCC.

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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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