

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 22, 2017

10:00 a.m.

TWENTIETH 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

Liturgist: Joan White & Tony Dillon-Hansen

Ushers & Greeters: Sharon Johnson, Margaret Christian,
Diane Gladson, Lee Hood

Acolytes: Diane Gladson

Nursery: Mary Minard & Susan Joynt

Opening the Church: Today, Bob Shoemaker **Next Sunday,** Jerry Woods

Sound Booth: Scott Gardner

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

“In religion, there's a certain type of fear that if somebody believes differently from me, that it's a threat. Because I'm right, and there cannot be two ways that are right, so if I'm right, anything different than this must be wrong; and we attack those things and it's really due to insecurity, ego and fear.”

~Radhanath Swami

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

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: God is calling us out of captivity into the freedom of life in the Spirit!

ALL: We have never had to seek the Presence of God in order to live. It seems like wilderness to us!

ONE: God is challenging us to consider new purposes and new possibilities!

ALL: We are used to what we have always thought and done. It seems like death to us!

ONE: God is demanding that we rely upon our faith and live according to God's ways!

ALL: We are a people whose sacred story is filled with miracles and promises. We will lift our voices in praise and remind one another of the presence of the Living God!

❖ OPENING HYMN

“Praise to the Living God”

Hymnal 8

❖ INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“Pie Jesu”

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Adult Choir

Latin Translation: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant to them rest. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting.

We dedicate this anthem in memory of all those who lost their lives in Las Vegas on Sunday evening, October 1st. The music is set to traditional Latin text. Mary Lynn Lightfoot composed music to this text in memory of the children who perished in the April 1995 Oklahoma City bombing and for all children of the world who are the innocent victims of senseless violence.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23 (The Inclusive Bible)

¹²Moses said to YHWH, “Look, you have told me to lead this people, but you have never told me who you will send with me. You have said to me, ‘I know you by name,’ and ‘You have found favor with me.’” ¹³So if I have found favor with you, teach me your ways so that I might truly know you, and that I might find favor in your eyes. Remember that these people are the nation you have chosen as your own.”

¹⁴YHWH replied, “My Presence will go with you. Let this set your mind at ease.”

¹⁵Moses continued, “If your Presence does not come with us, do not send us from this place.

¹⁶How can it ever be known that we have found favor in your eyes – I, and your people – if you do not accompany us? It is your Presence alone that will mark us – I, and your people – from all others of the people on the earth.”

¹⁷And YHWH said to Moses, “As you have asked, I will do, for you have found favor in my eyes, and I have known you by name.”

¹⁸Then Moses said, “Please, show me your glory!”

¹⁹YHWH said, “I will make all of my goodness pass before your eyes, and I will pronounce my Name, I AM, in your presence: I will show my grace to whom I will show my grace, and I will show my compassion to whom I will show my compassion. ²⁰But you cannot see my face,” God continued. “No human can see my face and live.”

²¹Then YHWH said, “Look – here is a place beside me, where you can stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes you, I will place you in a cleft in the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³When I remove my hand you will see my back; but my face, you must not see.

The Tetragrammaton made up of the Hebrew letters יהוה (YHWH in English) is the name of God given to Moses from the burning bush (Exodus 3). It is a verb which can be translated “I am who I am” or “I will be who I will be” or “I am becoming who I am becoming.” The challenge for translators is to decide when to use it as a Proper Name and when to translate it into the English equivalent (I am). Many faith groups consider the Hebrew name of God to be too sacred to utter aloud, so sensitivity to this reverence is in order.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON "Letting Go of Insecurity" Pastor Dave

HYMN "Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You" Hymnal 510

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!
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 "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"! arr. Hall Johnson
Kay Horst, soloist

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 Jesus Christ, whose
power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy
Spirit!**

**Praise God the source of all our
gifts!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!**

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ CLOSING HYMN

"I'm Pressing on the Upward Way"

Hymnal 442

The candles are extinguished.

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

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"O Had I Jubal's Lyre"

G.F. Handel

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 22

FAMILY PROMISE WEEK

9:00 am Sunday School & ASF

10:00 am Worship

Special Music: Adult Choir & Kay Horst

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Monday, October 23

6:30 pm Private Lessons

Tuesday, October 24

10:30 am Staff Meeting

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm Adult OWL

Wednesday, October 25

WNA: Trunk or Treat

6:30 pm Adult Bells

6:45 pm OWL

7:00 pm Adult Choir

7:00 pm AA

Thursday, October 26

7:00 pm Newcomers' Gathering

Friday, October 27–Saturday, October 28

Bowtie Boyz Retreat

Upcoming Sundays

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

Sunday, November 5

9:00 am Sunday School & ASF

10:00 am Worship: Communion

Special Music: Adult Choir

12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church

12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Family Promise Week

Just a reminder Family Promise week starts today, **October 22-29**.

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New Member Classes

A new round of New Member Classes will be held beginning today following worship, and continuing Sunday, October 29th, November 5th and 12th. Those interested in joining the church will have the opportunity to do so on Sunday, November 19th. Please contact Pastor Dave Sickelka at david.sickelka@urbucc.org or phone the church office, 276-0625 to indicate your interest in attending. Childcare will be provided, if needed.

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: DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), Presenter: Bryan Bonilla, "Dreamer"

Next Week: European Travel Experience, Presenter: Elizabeth Mensing

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

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

October 25: Trunk or Treat

November 1: Josiah and Jehoash

Activity Schedule for October 25th

Time:	Activities:
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

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.

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UCC Newcomers' Gathering

Thursday, October 26th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

RSVP: iagreising@juno.com or 515-333-1766

We'd like to invite you as recent members of UCC to come for an informal social time at the home of John Greising and Taena Fowler for conversation and light refreshments. This is an opportunity for you to become better acquainted with new members and meet some other people in our church community. Children are welcomed.

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

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