



**Ames United Church of Christ
Sunday, October 11, 2015**

Welcome to Ames UCC! Worship is the way we praise God and learn what it means to be a Christian. Services of worship are just that: a way that we serve the power that calls us together and sends us out to be the eyes, hands, and feet of justice in the world. We hope that you leave today feeling connected, renewed, and in relationship with the holy.

In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

Our worship leaders today are Kevin Binder (scripture), Barbara Faidley (prayers), Eileen Gebbie (sermon), and Hannah Hannover (Children's Celebration). We are also joined by special guest Emily Mullaney on violin.

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Most announcements are also in your bulletin and our weekly e-newsletter. To sign up, e-mail office@amesucc.org.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Passing the Peace is an ancient Christian tradition in which we show we carry no weapons, only love.

CHORAL ENTRANCE

"Come Bless the Lord"

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Chancel Choir and Emily Mullaney, violin

We welcome violinist Emily Mullaney as our soloist this morning. A native of Gilbert, Emily earned her B.M. from St. Olaf College and her M.M. from The Boston Conservatory. She has performed as a soloist with the St. Olaf Orchestra, Central Iowa Symphony, and Fort Dodge Symphony. Currently, she is a substitute musician with the Des Moines Symphony and works as a freelance performer the Boston area.

CALL TO WORSHIP

A formal and mutual invitation to move into the worship experience.

One: Sing aloud to God, our strength!

Many: Shout for joy to the God of Jacob! Alleluia!

One: Raise a song!

Many: Sound a tambourine!

One: Sound the sweet lyre with the harp!

Many: Alleluia!

One: For God brought us out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched hand.

Many: Therefore, let us observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: Let us worship.

HYMN

"Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" (Hymn 18)

Singing is one way to connect to God through our bodies. We stand up, breathe deep, and let loose. And as Augustine wrote, "(S)he who sings, prays twice."

INVOKING THE HOLY

God is always with us, so this “invoking” or invitation to God, is really an invitation to our own selves to become aware of that constant presence.

One: Giver of the Sabbath, come into our midst and bless our Sabbath observance with your loving presence.

Many: Come among us, God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Confession has a long tradition in Christian history. It is a way to name our own brokenness and failing, sometimes generically and sometimes quite specifically, as a means to cleanse our hearts as we move through the service.

One: Giver of the Sabbath, you created the Sabbath as a way to remember your lavish love toward us and taught us to keep it holy. But in our arrogance we have focused on the teaching and so lost sight of you, or we have disregarded the teaching and have forgotten your love.

Many: Forgive us.

**Instill in us a desire for Sabbath rest and refreshment,
that we may once again know we are surrounded by your love.
Amen.**

SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

A brief moment to reflect on the prayer and your own heart and life. Silence is as important as noise in our dialogue with the divine.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

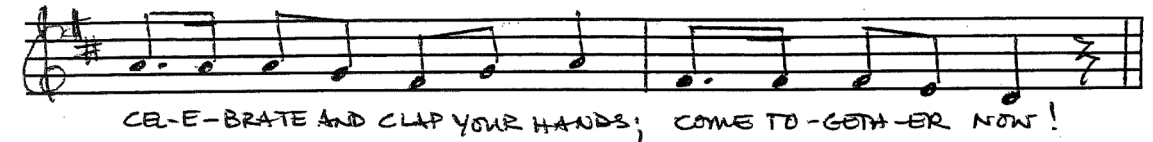
As a people of Easter, there is always good news: when we die to our brokenness, we live again in hope.

One: The disciples were hungry and were provided food; a man was sick and was provided health; the Sabbath was made for humankind, not humankind for the Sabbath. It is the nature of Sabbath rest to be reminded of God’s saving love, and so we are.

Many: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S CELEBRATION

Children are very important to our church. Each service they come forward for a special lesson just for them. We want all children to know they are welcome everywhere in our sanctuary, even – especially – at the very front. We sing the song below as they come forward.



HEBREW BIBLE

Deuteronomy 5:1-21, 6:4-9

New Revised Standard Version, modified for inclusive language. We use “Hebrew Bible” instead of “Old Testament” out of respect for our Jewish sisters and brothers (it isn’t old to them) and acknowledgement of the living voice still found in these ancient stories.

Moses convened all Israel, and said to them:

Hear, O Israel, the statutes and ordinances that I am addressing to you today; you shall learn them and observe them diligently. The Lord our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. Not with our ancestors did the Lord make this covenant, but with us, who are all of us here alive today. The Lord spoke with you face to face at the mountain, out of the fire. (At that time I was standing between the Lord and you to declare to you the words of the Lord; for you were afraid because of the fire and did not go up the mountain.) And the Lord said:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses the Name.

Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, so that your days may be long and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.
Neither shall you commit adultery.
Neither shall you steal.
Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.
Neither shall you covet your neighbor's wife.

Neither shall you desire your neighbor's house, or field, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

SERMON

150th ANNIVERSARY CHORAL RESPONSE “The Lord is My Shepherd” G. Young
Chancel choir

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

If you would like a name on the prayer list, simply contact the pastors.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

The basics of the Lord's Prayer appear in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. It may be familiar to you in this form, or with “sins” or “trespasses” toward the end. We also support the use of traditional or contemporary language for addressing the holy and naming the holy's realm.

Our Father/Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom/kin-dom 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom/kin-dom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

OFFERING Largo from Sonata No. 3 in C Major J. S. Bach
Emily Mullaney, violin

Thank you for giving what you can. All cash gifts will go to supporting our community justice partners like Food at First.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF SENDING “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (Hymn 1)

BENEDICTION

From the Latin of “well” and “to speak,” this is one final good word to send us off.

POSTLUDE

You are welcome to be seated and enjoy the day's postlude or move into the parlor for fellowship. Our worship leaders will greet you at the end of the center aisle, or you may go out the side aisle. Thank you for joining us today – if you have any questions or concerns, please contact any one of our pastors or members of staff.

AMES UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Sunday Scriptures

10/18 The Book of Ruth

10/25 David Anointed King, 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5

11/1 Kingdom Divided, 1 Kings 12:1-17

11/8 Elijah at Mount Carmel, 1 Kings 18:20-3

Wednesday Morning

Bible Study

During the 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall, we join Pr. Eileen to reflect on the coming week's scripture. Join us!



150th Anniversary Celebration

Tickets on Sale

On Sunday, November 1st, Ames United Church of Christ is ending its 150th anniversary celebration with a dinner and program following the worship service. Starting this Sunday, the 150th committee will be selling tickets in the parlor every Sunday in October. Tickets are \$5, children 3 and under are free. Vegetarian options are available; please designate when purchasing your tickets. Tickets need to be purchased prior to November 1st.

Women's Fellowship - October 14th

All women of the church are invited to participate in Women's Fellowship. Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month we have a bring your own lunch meeting from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. The first meeting of the month is usually a planned activity or speaker, etc. The 2nd meeting of the month is generally a time of conversation about anything we wish as we share our joys and concerns with each other. On Wednesday, October 14th, we have a special meeting planned. Jan Breitman has arranged for us to visit the Ames Historical Center for a question and answer session. Come with all your questions about Ames' history. The Ames History Center is on the corner of 5th St. and Douglas. You can bring your lunch and sit around a big table and ask questions.

Holiday Bazaar - October 24th

So many people were generous with donations for our Attic to Basement Sale that we were unable to display it all. We decided to have another sale with all the Christmas items that were donated. So we are continuing our Wednesday morning sale work parties. All of our donations have been moved to the Choir Room so if you have time, join us on Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon to sort and price the items for our Christmas Bazaar. The Sale will be on Saturday, October 24th from 8am to noon.

New Church Pictorial Directory - November 17th - 21st

Mark your calendars to sit for photos for a new church pictorial directory! Sign ups for photoshoot time slots will be available after church in the parlor starting this Sunday, October 11th. When you sign up, be sure to update your contact information listing!

Thank you to those that helped make Pr. Eileen's Installation a success!

Planning Team: Eric Abbot, Elaine Hieber, Lynette Spicer, Linda Shenk, Allen Trenkle

Worship Leaders (before and during, up front and behind the scenes):

All of the above plus Ayisha Al-Hassan, Carla Barnwell, Judith Blair, Katie Bonney, George Britton, Marry Jane Button-Harrison, Jerry Chase, Aidan Cook, David Cook, Laura Deal, Bradley Duckstein, Hannah Hannover, Nathan Hannover, Dinah Kerksieck, Jennifer Gelwick-Luecke, Lesley Lackore, Greg Lamont, Fred Lewis, Jeremy McMahan, Tom Meyer, Mary Mulford, Laurie Olk, Rich Pleva, Terry Potter, Kristin Shields, Bill Slinger, Carol Smith, Pat Spangler, Phil Spike, Sunny Stewart, Tania Tipton, Waltrina Middleton, David White, Richard White, Greg Wool, Fei Yi, and Bill Yungclas

Reception Hosts (creation and clean-up): Ellen Barnhart, Steve Barnhart, Jerry Chase, Matthew Ellinwood, Ami Frank, Mim Fritz, Quinn Hanson, Tranquillity Jo, Michael Johnson, Dinah Kerksieck, Allison McHenry, Diana McHenry, Laurie Olk, Lori Peake, Terry Potter, Kathryn Shields, Kristin Shields, Sunny Stewart, Vanessa, Jean Watts, Barbara Yungclas, and Bill Yungclas.

A letter from Pastor Eileen:

Beloved community,

I am writing this letter early in the morning after my – our – service of installation. The joy of the day just wouldn't let me sleep!

It began with our regular Sunday worship. So many of us came to praise God and explore faith that we ran out of bulletins. Four of our children received Bibles. We learned a calypso-style song that still sounded authentic coming from our Midwest-style selves.

The afternoon installation felt like coming home. Across the sanctuary I could see familiar faces and new. Many community leaders and clergy took time out of their Sunday afternoons to offer their partnership and show solidarity with our church.

And Pastor Waltrina's sermon? Artful in its imagery, powerful in its message. May we receive agitation as a blessing, just as Jesus did with the Canaanite woman.

Then it was off to the reception: wow! Delicious vegetables and gorgeous fruit wands, coupled with not one but two delicious cakes. I heard several people comment that the place settings and decorations were fit for a wedding.

Which, in many ways, it was. As pastor, church, and Association, we exchanged vows of fidelity and truthfulness. May we live into them with grace and compassion.

At left is a list of everyone I can think of who helped to make the day so special. I am certain I did not see everyone who was involved, particularly with the reception, so please let me know if I have left you or anyone else out.

Yours in church, yours in the world, yours in faith,



Pr. Eileen

Highlights from 150 Years of the First Congregational Church/Ames UCC

Did you know that...

- in the late 1920s the congregation planned on building a NEW church building?
- But due to the Depression, the First Congregational Church instead extensively remodeled the sanctuary and education rooms in 1930 for \$72,000 (approximately \$750,000 today)? The new organ cost \$7,000.
- the Women's Auxiliary during the 1930s to 1950s had a membership of 300 women? That they had 9 "divisions," each with 20 or more members?
- at the 75th Anniversary Celebration of the congregation in 1940 that someone promised a gift of an "illuminated cross"? Was it ever given?
- at a Men's Work Committee meeting pancakes were served that somehow had a piece of cloth mixed with it? Some discomfort but no injuries reported.
- In 1948 the Congregational-Christian denomination voted in favor of the merger with the Evangelical and Reformed Church?

A Historical Note on Choral Anthems

In the years from 1900 to 1950 congregational hymns, organ pieces, and choral anthems were generally viewed as of less quality than preceding periods. Ralph Vaughan Williams, a first-rate English composer, tried to correct what he called "the miasma of the languishing and sentimental hymn tunes which so often disfigure our services." He viewed it more of a moral than a musical issue. One of the difficulties was that church music composers (texts and tunes) who saw the horrors of war and financial depressions wrote pieces that were not considered comforting enough. A notable exception was Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick's "God of Grace and God of Glory," written in 1930 for the dedication of Riverside Church, New York City.

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Tickets on Sale in the Parlor
\$5, children 3 and under free
vegetarian options available

Calendar for the Week

Monday, October 12

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. AMOS Housing Group
5:30 p.m. ERP (*Benck*)
6:00 p.m. PP - Parent Ed

Tuesday, October 13

12:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship
3:00 p.m. Farm to Folk
5:00 p.m. Worship & Music

Wednesday, October 14

8:30 a.m. Morning Bible Study
9:30 a.m. AM Work Crew
10:00 a.m. Work on Bazaar
12:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship
12:10 p.m. Peace Bell Ringers
2:05 p.m. Wed Afternoon Club
6:45 p.m. Choir Practice

Saturday, October 17

11:20 a.m. Meals on Wheels (*Trenkle*)

Sunday, October 18

9:30 a.m. Learning Center
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Youth Group

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