



**Ames United Church of Christ  
Sunday, November 5, 2017**

*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 deacon for today is Kim Spangler; our greeters and ushers are Mim Fritz, Jennifer Gelwick-Luecke, Sue Lamont, and Carl Tipton. Steve Barnhart is scheduled for building lockup.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Most announcements are in your bulletin, our weekly e-newsletter, and our quarterly print newsletter. To sign up for the last two, contact Katie Tschopp at either 515-232-9323 or [office@amesucc.org](mailto:office@amesucc.org).*

## **RINGING OF THE MEMORIAL BELL**

## **GREETINGS**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

One: There was a great wind,

**Many: But the Lord was not in the wind.**

One: And after the wind an earthquake,

**Many: But the Lord was not in the earthquake.**

One: And after the earthquake a fire,

**Many: But the Lord was not in the fire.**

One: Then after the fire, the sound of sheer silence—

**Many: Speak to us, Lord, for we are listening.**

**HYMN** "For All the Saints" (insert)

*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: God of promise, you have picked up your prophets and restored them to strength when they were ready to quit. Take us also and gently awaken us to the commitment we have made to serve you, knowing that you will never leave us on our own. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

## 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: We confess our brokenness before God and one another.  
Longsuffering God,

**Many: Forgive us for continually missing the mark.**

**We look for you in beauty, grandeur, and bluster,  
but miss the humble, quiet ways you choose to make yourself known.  
We strive for status and success,  
and fail to see how you might use us in our failure and weakness.  
We wish to be popular,  
forgetting that you have called us to love the unlovable  
and make our home as you have—  
with the forgotten, the despised, the voiceless.  
Forgive us and restore us again to your grace. 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 Lord is quick to forgive and eager to grant second chances. Take comfort that God is merciful, and never failing in compassion. You are forgiven. Proclaim it, rejoice in it, and live it, for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Amen.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## 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.*

K. Stewart

COME TO-GETH-ER, CHILD-REN, COME TO-GETH-ER NOW.

CE-LE-BRATE AND CLAP YOUR HANDS; COME TO-GETH-ER NOW!

**HEBREW BIBLE** 1 Kings 19:4-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

(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.*

(The prophet Elijah) went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough;

now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

## SERMON

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Hear the Voice of God, So Tender” (insert)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SAINTS

*Please share your prayer needs as you are so moved. In remembrance of All Saints/All Souls, we will also hear the names of those whom we have lost over the past year, with our historic bell tolling for each.*

## PRAYERS 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** “Teach Me the Songs of Your Truth” David Haas  
Chancel Choir with Pat Spangler, alto soloist

*In 2017, nine percent of our total budget will help fund local, regional, and national charitable programs. On the third Sunday of each month, when we have Holy Communion, loose change and bills are designated for a Communion Fund, which supports Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance (75%) and our in-house Pastoral Emergency Fund (25%).*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN OF SENDING** “When the Saints Go Marching In” (insert)

## BENEDICTION

*From the Latin of “well” and “to speak,” this is one final good word to send us off. Afterward, please join us next door in the parlor for coffee, tea, treats, and community.*

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## This Week on Wednesday – 11/1

This fall, we have a new set of opportunities for faith formation and fellowship on Wednesdays, building on our existing midweek gatherings. Please join us this week for:

8:30 a.m. AM Bible Study (Gospel of Thomas 1/3)  
12:00 p.m. Peace Bell Ringing in the bell tower  
12:15 p.m. Women’s Fellowship  
2:00 p.m. Wednesday Afternoon Club  
6:30 p.m. PM Bible Study (Mary Magdalene 3/3)  
Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
Youth Group

Childcare is available for morning Bible study and our evening programming.

Find a bookmark in the pews listing upcoming Bible study topics, and learn more about our Wednesday events in the rest of the announcements.

**Note:** There is no Bible study on the first Wednesday of each month.

### Help Clean Up the Holiday Hoopla – 11/6

We will be packing all the items left from the Holiday Sale on Monday morning starting at 8.30 a.m. We also need to move items down to the basement and move our large tables from Fellowship Hall. Come ready to lift and carry would appreciate anyone’s help, but I might need some muscle to handle the tables. Please come and work together and make this a day of work but fellowship and friendship also. Hope to see you there.

### Women’s Fellowship – 11/8

The only meeting of Women’s Fellowship in November is Wednesday, November 8. Since this is November we are going to be looking at a Gratitude Journal or a Gratitude Challenge. November is the month we often think about those things we are thankful for. The Gratitude Attitude is something a little different. Come join us from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy conversation and fellowship with other women from our church and receive a gratitude challenge.

### Mental Health House Meeting – 11/9

At the Ames AMOS Assembly with candidates for office on October 23, we heard about the work of our mental health research team. They are the same place the housing research team – which successfully launched the Story Co. Housing Trust Fund and brings \$200,000/year into our county for affordable housing – was two years ago. Come to a Mental Health House Meeting at Bethesda Lutheran (19th & Northwestern) on Thursday, November 9 from 7-8:30 p.m. to be part of our next success.

### DACA Potluck Dinner – 11/17

Please join us on Friday, November 17, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for a potluck dinner in the Fellowship Hall as we learn about and discuss DACA and other the issues that our undocumented brothers and sisters are facing. We will hear from Ms. Jeanette Vizguerra, who sought sanctuary from immigration officials with the Unitarian Universalist Church in Denver, Colorado earlier this year. We will also hear from Gabriela Flora, who works on immigration with the American Friends Service Committee in Denver. Please bring a dish to share and your own plates and utensils if possible.

### Calendar for the Week

#### Monday, November 6

*Office Closed: Katie Tschopp away*

5:30 p.m. Emergency Residence Project (Spicer)  
5:30 p.m. Pastor Parish Relations Committee

12:15 p.m. Women’s Fellowship  
2:00 p.m. Wed Afternoon Club  
6:30 p.m. PM Bible Study (Mary Magdalene 3/3)  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

#### Tuesday, November 7

*Office Closed: Katie Tschopp away*

#### Wednesday, November 8

8:30 a.m. AM Bible Study (Gospel of Thomas 1/2)  
12:00 p.m. Bell Ringing

#### Sunday, November 12

9:15 a.m. Godly Play  
9:15 a.m. Youth Coffee Talk  
9:15 a.m. Animate: Faith Series  
9:15 a.m. Learning Center  
10:30 a.m. Worship

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