



# the ten commandments

**Ames United Church of Christ  
Sunday, October 7, 2018**

*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, ushers, and greeters for today are Jan Breitman, Jim Coppoc, Sue Lamont, and Steve Rogers-Smith.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CENTERING MUSIC**      “We Are Travelers” (insert)

*This song by Ben Schrag will accompany us through our time worshipping in the Fellowship Hall.*

## **GREETINGS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**      David Sheridan

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

One:      Obey my voice and keep my covenant,

**Many:      You are my treasured people.**

One:      Follow my teaching of love,

**Many:      You are my treasured people.**

One:      Life is a light to all around you,

**Many:      You are my treasured people.**

**HYMN**      “Enter, Rejoice, and Come In” (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, your teaching is the sign of your everlasting love. Keep us faithful to your word that our lives might testify to your grace. 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 how we have betrayed and forgotten our wholeness before God and one another. Gracious God,

Many: **We are not always patient  
to wait for your words and your actions in our lives.  
We whine and complain,  
and we try to control those things which are out of our control.  
We manipulate, cheat, and extract all we can for our gain.  
Forgive us.  
Transform our hearts, our minds, and our behaviors  
so that we might be more like you.**

## 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.*

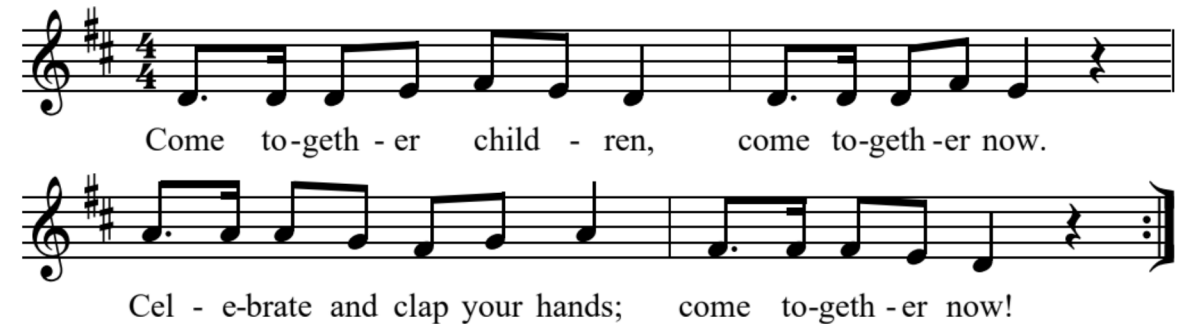
One: We are blessed to be loved by a fierce and passionate God who will stop at nothing to claim us as God’s own. In God’s goodness, today, we are transformed into new creations. Amen.

## 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 “Come Together Children” K. Stewart

*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.*



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Come to-gether - er child - ren, come to-gether now." The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "Cel - e-brate and clap your hands; come to-gether now!" The music is simple and suitable for children's voices.

## HEBREW BIBLE

Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Nancy Dunn

Jewish Publication Society Translation,  
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.*

(A)nd Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob and declare to the children of Israel: ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Me. Now then, if you will obey Me faithfully and keep My covenant, you shall be My treasured possession among all the peoples. Indeed, all the earth is Mine, but you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the children of Israel.” Moses came and summoned the elders of the people and put before them all that the LORD had commanded him.

God spoke all these words, saying: I the LORD am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, the house of bondage: You shall have no other gods besides Me. You shall not make for yourself a sculptured image, or any likeness of what is in the heavens above, or on the earth below, or in the waters under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I the LORD your God am an impassioned God, visiting the guilt of the parents upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generations of those who reject Me, but showing kindness to the thousandth generation of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

You shall not swear falsely by the name of the LORD your God; for the LORD will not clear one who swears falsely by His name.

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God: you shall not do any work—you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, or your cattle, or the stranger who is within your settlements. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth and sea, and all that is in them, and He rested on the seventh day; therefor the LORD blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

Honor your father and your mother, that you may long endure on the land that the LORD your God is assigning to you.

You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house: you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female slave, or his ox or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

All the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the blare of the horn and the mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they fell back and stood at a distance.

“You speak to us,” they said to Moses, “and we will obey; but let not God speak to us, lest we die.”

Moses answered the people, “Be not afraid; for God has come only in order to test you, and in order that the fear of God may be ever with you, so that you do not go astray.”

## SERMON

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant” (insert)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Please share your prayer needs as you are so moved.*

## 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/the cosmos, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom/kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven/the cosmos. 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

“Wherever We Go, We Will Serve the Lord”

D. Haas & G. Norbert, arr. K. Stewart

Chancel Choir

*In 2018, ten percent of our total budget helps 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 our in-house Pastoral Emergency Fund. You can also designate your gift to the Pastoral Emergency Fund directly. If you would like to sign up for automated giving, contact Katie Tschopp at 515-232-9323 or [office@amesucc.org](mailto:office@amesucc.org).*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN OF SENDING** “As We Leave This Place” (insert)

## BENEDICTION

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

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## Calendar for the Week

### Monday, October 8

7:15 p.m. Financial Stewardship

### Tuesday, October 9

*Pastoral Study Day*

12:00 p.m. Men’s Fellowship

5:30 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting

### Wednesday, October 10

10:45 a.m. Study for Sunday

12:00 p.m. Bell Ringing

12:00 p.m. Women’s Fellowship

5:15 p.m. Congregant Dinner

6:30 p.m. Unscripted

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, October 13

10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting of the Iowa Conference UCC (at West Des Moines Christian Church)

### Sunday, October 14

*Pledge Sunday*

9:15 a.m. Godly Play

9:15 a.m. Youth Coffee Talk

9:15 a.m. Learning Center

10:30 a.m. Worship

## Commit to Create: Worship

If our average number of participants in worship (we are not attendees or audience, but all participants) bought tickets for the crummiest seats for the 2018 Pretenders concert at Stephens Auditorium, we would be spending 53% more than we do for our time together in our sanctuary. And in worship not only do we enjoy a variety of live musical offerings, but the wisdom of children, the perspective of elders, the raw power of our prayers of joys and concerns, as well as learning and laughter. And, not to disparage the excellence of songs like “Middle of the Road,” congregants and staff alike put in hours of weekly choral, instrumental, liturgical, and homiletical preparation without song royalties to fund our time.

Pledge cards for our 2019 Dream Budget are in the bulletin. If you did not receive a copy of that budget and related brochure, contact Katie Tschopp (515-232-9323, office@amesucc.org). **Join us NEXT SUNDAY, October 14, as we formally receive all pledges in worship, but you are welcome to submit it earlier via the offering plate.**

## Kids' Books in the Church Library

The church library will remain open during our renovations. The children’s activity tubs and the children’s book shelf from the sanctuary are now in the library. Children can come before church to get some activities or books and take them into Fellowship Hall to use during our worship service.

## Congregant Dinners in October

Coming to church on Wednesday nights for Unscripted, A Little Bit of Everything, Chancel Choir, or Youth Group? Join fellow learners and singers for dinner and fellowship from 5:15-6:30. The Building Relationship team will provide a simple meal during October (excluding October 31). Our hope is to make these mid-week opportunities even more rich, convenient, and (ful)filling. There is no charge for the meal, but a free will offering will be accepted to help with costs. Our collective participation and the 2019 budget will determine the future of this opportunity.

### **Women's Fellowship – 10/10**

All the women of the church are invited to Women's Fellowship on Wednesday, October 10 at 12 noon to 1.00 pm. This meeting Debi Ford will be our guest and we will be discussing dementia.

Bring your lunch and join us for fellowship, information, sharing and fun. We normally meet in Fellowship Hall but with our change of worship sites that might not be possible. Look for a sign on the door for the location of our meeting. Hope to see you there.

### **Unscripted: Calmly Connecting with God and Each Other – 10/10, 10/24, 11/14, 11/28**

Feel stressed and too busy? On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45, "pause" to participate in group spiritual practice, experience music, share conversation, and pray. We can't add minutes to your day, but maybe growing closer to God will give you a new perspective. Questions? Contact Nancy Dunn (515-490-2083, ndunn949@gmail.com), Andrea Klocke (515-988-9422, andreaklocke@gmail.com), or Linda Hanson (515-520-2583, linda.hanson2011@gmail.com).

### **Learning Center – 10/14**

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the stage room, east end, second floor

*October 14 A New Way to Serve – Advocate for a Community ID Card for Ames*  
As threats increase for our undocumented neighbors, a coalition of churches in Ames has been discussing bringing a community ID card to Ames. Many towns and cities across the U.S. have established community ID cards - the first was issued in New Haven in 2007. This effort can help make communities safer, particularly for the most vulnerable populations such as the homeless, undocumented immigrants, and those fleeing domestic abuse. Members of the congregation's Social Justice and Outreach team will delve into what a community ID card is, what benefits they offer a community, how they vary from town to town, and a few simple things you can do as a community member to support this effort in Ames.

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## **Ames AMOS Action with Candidates for Office**

Thursday, October 18  
6:30 p.m. Registration  
7:00 p.m. Start  
First Christian Church, 611 Clark Ave.

### **Ames AMOS Action with Candidates for Story Co. Supervisor – 10/18**

On Thursday, October 18 please join the other Ames-area AMOS member institutions for a public conversation with the candidates for Story County Supervisor and statewide elections. Through the Mental Health and Housing teams, we will be asking for commitments regarding affordable housing for people dealing with chronic mental health struggles, a key to creating stability and long-term health (and reduced costs to us as taxpayers).

Ames AMOS Action with Candidates

Thursday, October 18

First Christian Church

Registration: 6:30 p.m.

Start time: 7 p.m.

RSVP to Ben Schrag (mr.half@gmail.com) or Catherine DeLong (treasurer@amesucc.org) by Tuesday, October 16.

### **Drag-O-Ween – 10/24**

Wednesday, October 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. LGBTQIA+ youth and their friends 6th through 12th grade are invited to join Ames UCC's Youth Group for our second annual Drag-O-Ween. Wear your Halloween costume and come enjoy the food, games, and prizes. This event will have full adult supervision.

### **Marking All Saints Day – 11/4**

On Sunday, November 4 we will celebrate All Saints Day in two different ways.

First, we will continue the tradition reading the names, in worship, of all those we love but who died in the previous year. Please submit those names to me by Sunday, October 28 (515-232-9323, eileen@amesucc.org).

Second, everyone is invited to participate in a photo display. Please place framed photos of loved ones, whether they died in the last year or much earlier, along with their names and relationship to you in the box labelled for this purpose in the Fellowship Hall, by Sunday, October 28. For example, I will include this photo of my grand-cousin, who died a couple of years ago. I will display them all throughout the parlor, where we will have our coffee hour after worship that day.

Bodies may decay, but our love does not. Let's share that grief and love with each other. -Pr. Eileen

### **Register to Vote with the Social Justice and Outreach Team**

The SOJO team encourages all eligible voters at Ames UCC to participate in the election on November 6 and vote for candidates at the local, state, and federal level. We will have voter registration forms and other information at coffee fellowship today, courtesy of the League of Women Voters. Please stop by!

### **Be In Touch with Ames UCC Staff**

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#### **Social Justice and Outreach**

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Get in touch with a team leader with the information in your church directory. Contact Katie Tschopp (515-232-9323, office@amesucc.org) if you need a copy.