



**Ames United Church of Christ  
Sunday, November 11, 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 Dan Coffey, Boyd Dohrmann, Irene Dohrmann, Dale Shenefelt, and Donna Shenefelt.*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*A note about today's service: As his internship with us progresses, David Sheridan is taking opportunities to lead different and more parts of worship services. Today, for example, he will lead almost every element, as I or Pr. Hannah would normally do. These are the kinds of practical tasks of such ministry that are not often addressed in seminary and so are essential to his time here with us. –Pr. Eileen*

### **CENTERING MUSIC**

### **GREETINGS**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

**One:** With what shall I come before the Lord?

**Many:** **Burnt offerings? Young calves?**

**One:** With what will the Lord be pleased?

**Many:** **Thousands of rams? Rivers of oil?**

**One:** How about my firstborn child?

**Many:** **The fruit of the body for the sins of the soul?**

**One:** No. The Lord requires only this:

**Many:** **Do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

**HYMN** "Praise to the Living God," Hymn 8

*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."*



## HEBREW BIBLE

Micah 5:2-5a, 6:6-8  
New Revised Standard Version  
modified for inclusive language

Linda Best

*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.*

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
    who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth to me  
    one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
    from ancient days.  
Therefore God shall give them up until the time  
    when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of the kindred shall return  
    to the people of Israel.  
And (the Anointed One) shall stand and feed flock  
    in the strength of the Lord,  
    in the majesty of the name of the Lord God.  
And they shall live secure, for now (the Anointed One) shall be great  
    to the ends of the earth;  
and (the Anointed One) shall be the one of peace.

"With what shall I come before the Lord,  
    and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,  
    with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
    with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
    the fruit of my body for the sin of the soul?"

You have been told, O mortal, what is good;  
    and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
    and to walk humbly with your God?

## SERMON

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** "The Lord is God" (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** "What Does the Lord Require of You" Jim & Jean Strathdee  
Pop-Up 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).*

*It's not too late to submit your commitment for Ames UCC's 2019 budget. Find a pledge card in the back of the sanctuary or visit [amesucc.org/pledge](http://amesucc.org/pledge).*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**HYMN OF SENDING**      “Take My Life, That I May Be” (insert)

## BENEDICTION

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

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## Calendar for the Week

### Monday, November 12

5:30 p.m.      Serving a Meal at the  
ERP (Shedd)

### Saturday, November 17

9:30 a.m.      Volunteer to Serve and  
Clean Up at Food at First

### Tuesday, November 13

#### *Pastoral Study Day*

12:00 p.m.      Men’s Fellowship  
7:15 p.m.      Executive Board

### Sunday, November 18

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

### Wednesday, November 14

10:45 a.m.      Study for Sunday  
12:00 p.m.      Bell Ringing  
12:00 p.m.      Women’s Fellowship  
2:00 p.m.      Wed. Afternoon Club  
6:30 p.m.      Unscripted  
6:30 p.m.      Choir Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m.      Youth Group

## Fire Drill – TODAY

Today the Worship and Music Team will hold a fire drill after worship. We have 3 major exits from the sanctuary: the sacristy doors, the bell tower doors, and the main west doors. All of these exits have stairs, so if your body does not allow you to use stairs, including if you are using a walker or cane, please exit through the east doors via the ramp. During a fire, the elevator cannot be used safely.

More instructions will be shared by the WAM team after the service. Our goal for the fire drill is to know how to clear the building in case of an emergency. The children in the nursery will also be taking part in the fire drill. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Women’s Fellowship – 11/14

All women of the church are invited to Women’s Fellowship on Wednesday, November 14 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. This will be our only meeting in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will be having a Joys and Concerns meeting with an emphasis on Thanksgiving and Gratitude. We will be doing at least 2 activities that will be a fun way to get to know each other better. Please remember to bring your lunch and join us for fellowship and sharing.

## Unscripted: Calmly Connecting with God and Others – 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).

## Winter Ames UCC Courier Newsletter

Have you received your winter newsletter from Ames UCC? Though we mailed out the newsletters at the end of October, all the election-related mail caused some delays. If you haven't received yours yet, contact Katie Tschopp (515-232-9323, office@amesucc.org) in the church office for a new digital or mailed version.

### **Update on Sanctuary Sound**

Our current sanctuary sound system hasn't been able to keep up with the growth in our church (more bodies absorb more sound) so earlier this week Church Office Administrator Katie Tschopp and I met with a sound engineer who will develop suggestions. Unlike previous vendors, he spent over three hours in our space asking questions, describing observations about our space and current equipment, and taking measurements. I expect to receive a proposal within two weeks, which I will then take to our Executive Team.

—Pr. Eileen

### **Happy Baptismal Anniversary, Josh!**

The United Church of Christ celebrates two sacraments, rituals of the invisible grace of God made visible: Baptism and Holy Communion. Our church celebrates Holy Communion about once per month, but baptism only once in our lives.

So as not to lose touch with those waters of life, we remember baptismal anniversaries here. We also remember the promises we have all made to those who have been baptized in our presence, here or elsewhere.

This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of Joshua Pepe. Thank you for joining the body of Christ through this family of faith, Josh!

To have yours lifted up, whenever and wherever it was, simply send the date to Pr. Eileen.

### **Thank you, Greg, and Welcome Back, Dave!**

During the renovation of our sanctuary, our sexton David Cook has used his 14 hours per week to support Ken Birt and the other congregants who have revamped our floors, pews, and lighting. With that work complete, he returns to his regular duties. This means it is also time to thank Greg Widener for covering basic cleaning duties, for a small stipend, over these several months. Thank you, Greg!

### **Cards of Care**

Have you ever felt scared and alone, grieving and heartsick? Did someone reach out to you at just the right time? Please join me and a small group of congregants in being present for each other during such times through greeting cards (actual paper in the actual mail). If yes, please let me know and I will add you to our list of fellow "care card-ers." And if you know of someone who might appreciate a little postal love from their fellow seekers, please let me know. —Pr. Eileen (eileen@amesucc.org, 515-232-9323)

### **Youth Group Homemade Christmas Cookie Fundraiser**

The Youth Group has a lot of fun activities planned for this coming spring and summer, including a camping trip to Pilgrim Heights and General Synod in June. To defray the cost of these trips, the youth are baking Christmas cookies! You can place your order after church on the following Sundays: 11/11, 11/18, 11/25, or 12/2 or email Megan Henson (megan@amesucc.org) for more information.

Cookie Tray (3 dozen cookies, choose three kinds) \$16

Cookies by the Dozen \$6 (each dozen packaged separately)

Choose from frosted and unfrosted Sugar Cookies, Chocolate Crinkles, Snickerdoodles, Russian Teacakes, Spritz Cookies, and Candy Cane Cookies.

Please place your order by Sunday, December 2 at the latest. Pick up is Sunday, December 9 from after worship until 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Payment is due at pick up. If you would like to order but aren't able to make this pick up date, please contact Megan to make other arrangements. Thank you!

### Save the Date: Theologian in Residence 2019 at Ames UCC

Humans migrate. All our ancestors were immigrants. Biblical faith requires welcoming strangers and caring for travelers in need. The upcoming 35th Theologian in Residence Weekend focuses on the current conversation about immigration, from the legal facts to the Biblical perspective.

Hear from theologian Rev. Dr. David Vásquez-Levy and others. Take part in a workshop. Learn about real-world experiences and solutions that can help us move from concern to compassionate action.

Friday, March 1, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Iowa State University Memorial Union Pioneer Room

Dialogue: Rev. Dr. Vásquez-Levy and Iowa Attorney General Tom Miller

Saturday, March 2, Ames United Church of Christ

9:15 – 12:00 p.m. Speaker Rev. Dr. Vásquez-Levy

12:45 – 2:15 p.m. Workshops (Helping Fractured Families; Public Policies)

Sunday, March 3, Ames United Church of Christ

9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Panel: Immigrants and Helpers

10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Worship with Rev. Dr. Vásquez-Levy preaching

Online registration for Theologian in Residence opens at [amesucc.org/tir](http://amesucc.org/tir) in January. There are many ways to be involved in this learning opportunity through your attendance or volunteer service! Contact Katie Tschopp ([office@amesucc.org](mailto:office@amesucc.org), 515-232-9323) for more information.

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