



the ten commandments

**Ames United Church of Christ
Sunday, June 10, 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 Jim Coppoc, Mim Fritz, Barbara Hauerrberg, Kim Spangler, and Justin Watts. Justin Watts is scheduled for building lockup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE MEMORIAL BELL

CENTERING MUSIC "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(Jesus the Light of the World)" arr.

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

One: We do not live for ourselves alone.

Many: **We are the bearers of love!**

One: Our neighbors are a branch on a common tree.

Many: **We are the bearers of love!**

One: Let us respect those whom our God has made.

Many: **We are the bearers of love!**

HYMN "God Is Here! As We Your People Meet," Hymn 70

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: Gracious God, you have blessed us with companions to share our journey. Give us grace to respect and protect them, as we would also hope to be treated. Bind us together in your mutual love. 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.
Wise Creator,

Many: **You have blessed us with our lives, and all that we need to thrive.
Yet we disrespect you, others, and ourselves
when we take your gifts for granted
and allow our lives to fall out of balance.
We want what we don’t have.
We seek credit for ourselves and discredit others.
We dishonor your name.
Please forgive our careless neglect and lack of gratitude,
for the sake of your son Jesus. 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: God is indeed merciful, and calls us back to repentance again and again. We have been forgiven and our sins forgotten. May we rejoice in the one who continues to make us new in the Spirit. 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 “See, Serve, and Love” by 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 musical score is written for a single voice in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with a first ending and a second ending. The lyrics are: "Ev' - ry day, in ev' - ry way; see, serve and love. love. Pro - claim it, re - joice in it, and live it ev' - ry day! Ev' - ry day, in ev' - ry way; see, serve and love." The first ending is marked with a bracket and the number "1." and the second ending is marked with a bracket and the number "2." The score ends with a double bar line.

HEBREW BIBLE Exodus 20:12-16 (Jewish Publication Society Version)

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.

Honor your father and your mother, that you may long endure on the land that the Lord your God is assigning 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 male or female slave, or his ox or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor’s.

SERMON

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Who Would Think That What was Needed” (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

“Give Thanks”

H. Smith, arr. J. Raney

During the summer our Chancel Choir takes a well-earned break and we have the opportunity to receive the musical gifts of other members of our community.

In 2018, ten 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 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.

The Funding Future Leadership Scholarship is organized by the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ to provide ministry preparation scholarships in Iowa. Training clergy is expensive, and aspiring leaders are taking big financial risks so they can serve the needs of the church. For this program year, the Funding Future Leadership offering raised \$8,783.82 that has been distributed to four recipients. Our contributions will go towards the 2019 recipients.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

As part of our weekly dedication of our time, talent, and treasures, today we also dedicate the letters we have prepared, through Bread for the World, to go to our local congressional representative and senators, urging investments in programs that improve the lives of people struggling with hunger, malnutrition, and starvation, in the United States and around the world.

HYMN OF SENDING

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
(Jesus, the Light of the World),” Hymn 160

BENEDICTION

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

Prayer & Practice

Over the next several weeks, in the e-news and bulletin, I will offer a prayer practice per week. If you have one of your own that you would like to share, just send it my way. -Pr. Eileen

Help the Social Justice and Outreach Team Pledge to the City’s Solar Array

Ames UCC’s Social Justice and Outreach Team is collecting donations to support purchase of “solar packs” and investment in a solar array for the City of Ames. Ames has plans to build a solar array to produce carbon-free electricity for the city. They are working to build citizen investment in the project by asking individuals and organizations to pledge to purchase packs at \$350 each. The SOJO Team will be collecting for these packs during June—our sunniest month—to allow our church to join others in the community in pledging toward these power packs. Come and visit our table after worship to learn more about the project and share a donation.

Women’s Fellowship – 6/13

Join Women’s Fellowship on Wednesday, June 13 at 12:00 p.m. to learn about the Wednesday Afternoon Club children’s program here at Ames UCC. Our own Pr. Hannah will share how WAC started, what they do, what a typical afternoon is like for a child attending WAC, and how we can be involved. Bring your lunch and join us for an hour of fun, fellowship, and learning.

Sixth Annual Worship at Hobbit’s Hill – 6/17

Ames UCC will worship together outdoors at Hobbit’s Hill, home of George Belitsos and Peter Wolfe, on Sunday, June 18 at 10:30 a.m. Make the journey out to 5508 West Lincoln Way to join together in a relaxed worship service followed by a potluck picnic. Deacons will help you find parking. If you need special assistance, pull into the driveway, get everyone and everything out of the car and then return to the regular parking area.

Hobbit's Hill is the home to six llamas, Swiss and Nigerian goats, pygmy goats, and four chickens. Throughout the morning you will be able to pet and feed the animals, relax in a hammock or explore the gorgeous gardens and visit with our church community.

Bring your own chairs or a blanket, a dish to share, and your own plates and silverware. We will provide glasses and cups for cold and hot drinks.

If the weather is threatening, please check the church's Facebook page or call Barbara Faidley (515-233-3874 or 515-450-1078) after 8:00 a.m. If we cannot go to Hobbit's Hill, we will have the service at the church and have a potluck in the Fellowship Hall.

VBS Help Needed!

We are still collecting snack supplies for our week of Vacation Bible School June 18-21. If you would like to donate an item, please contact Hannah at hannah@amesucc.org. If you are interested in learning more about VBS or volunteering your time during the week, we are still in need of adults to "shepherd" children from activity to activity. Contact Hannah for more information!

Change in Parking Policy Effective July 1

The City of Ames has changed their policy regarding reserved spots in the city lot to the east of our church such that our four spaces are no longer open to anyone who uses them (except for Sunday). Reserved spots may now only be used by vehicles with city-issued tags (which will go to members of our staff); all others will be ticketed. This change is effective July 1. -Pr. Eileen

Joint Worship in July

For over 50 Julys now, we have worshipped with First Christian Church. On the fifth Sunday in July we worship in a park with First Christian and First Baptist Church. Please mark your calendar with the locations and times below.

July 1 at 9:30 a.m. at First Christian

July 8 at 9:30 a.m. at First Christian

July 15 at 9:30 a.m. at Ames UCC

July 22 at 9:30 a.m. at Ames UCC

July 29 with First Christian and First Baptist, time and location TBA

Attic to Basement Sale

Don't forget to bring your donations for the ABC sale! The earlier items come in, the more prepared we will be when the sale comes. Leave all donations on the table in the elevator lobby of the west basement. Come join the work on the sale Wednesday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Come as you are able and leave when you need to. Have fun sorting and getting to know other people in the congregation.

Vacation Confirmation School – 8/12-16

Vacation Confirmation School with Prs. Hannah and Eileen is for youth who will be in 9th-12th grade in the coming school year and want to explore being baptized or confirming the baptism they had as an infant or child.

Sunday, August 12 through Thursday, August 16

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lunch included.

Additional opportunities will occur during the school year as a continuation and preparation for being confirmed in May of 2019.

RSVP to either pastor by Sunday, July 23.



DID YOU KNOW?
 ON THE THIRD SATURDAY
 OF EACH MONTH
 WE PROVIDE THE FOOD PREPARATION,
 SERVICE & CLEAN UP FOR THE
FOOD AT FIRST
 FREE COMMUNITY MEAL.

Please sign up to participate.
 The time commitment varies,
 so go to <https://goo.gl/7cTrXT>
 for more details.



Calendar for the Week

Monday, June 11

5:30 p.m. Emergency Residence
 Project (Duckstein)
 7:15 p.m. Financial Stewardship

Saturday, June 16

9:30 a.m. Food at First

Sunday, June 17

10:30 a.m. Worship at Hobbit's Hill

Tuesday, June 12

12:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, June 13

9:00 a.m. ABC Sale Work Time
 10:45 a.m. Study for Sunday
 12:00 p.m. Bell Ringing
 12:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

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