

# Stewardship

Part 3 (of 3)

**Ames United Church of Christ**  
**Sunday, September 2, 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 Flora, Barbara Hauerrberg, Ginny Shenk, Kim Spangler, and Pat Spangler.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RINGING OF THE MEMORIAL BELL**

**CENTERING MUSIC** "I Love You, O God, My Strength" arr. D. Cherwien

## **GREETINGS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Barbara Faidley  
*A formal, and mutual, invitation to move into the worship experience.*

**One:** Listen to the good news. God is with us, this day and every day.

**Many:** **Because God is with us,  
we can face each day with courage.  
We can find some good in everything,  
for we are never completely alone.**

**One:** God's goodness sometimes seems to be a trickle, sometimes a mighty flood. But always God is with us.

**Many:** **We worship you, O God, for your goodness.  
We praise you with our songs.  
We seek in our prayers.  
We offer ourselves to you because you are our God.**

**HYMN** "Come, My People" (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: O God, you have shown us the way to fulfillment. Train our hearts in your healing way and rid them of their addiction to that which doesn't truly nourish. We ask this for the sake of your son, who gave up everything for the sake of your beloved Way. 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.  
Generous God,

Many: **You have blessed us with riches overflowing.**

**And yet we waste what we are given.**

**We hoard what we have, and we long for what we don't have.**

**We dishonor your gift when we deny those who are in need.**

**We bankrupt our own souls with greed.**

**Forgive our blindness. Make our hearts generous again.**

**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.*

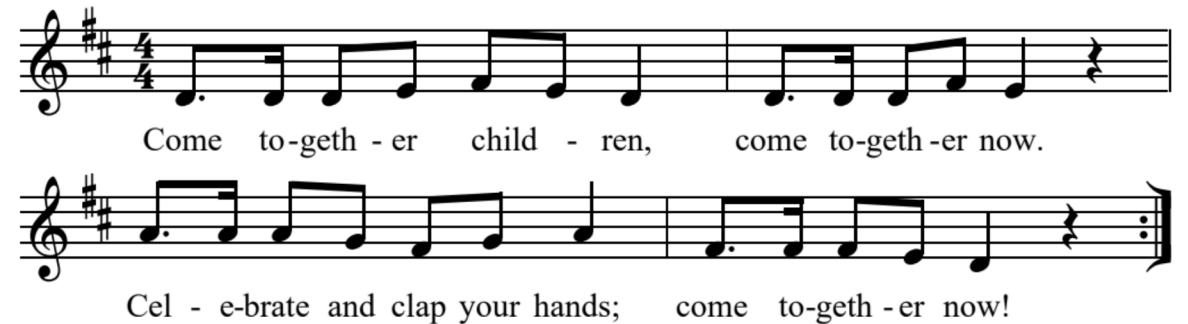
One: God offers forgiveness instead of excuses and, forgiven, we are strengthened again to live as generous children of God. Amen.

## 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 the song: "Come to-gether child - ren, come to-gether now." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Cel - e-brate and clap your hands; come to-gether now!" The lyrics are written below the notes.

## GOSPEL Luke 12:13-34 Pr. Eileen

*Gospel means “good news,” making the full title of this book of the Bible “The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.”*

Someone in the crowd said to (Jesus), “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But (Jesus) said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then (Jesus) told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will God clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for God’s kin-dom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Creator’s good pleasure to give you the kin-dom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**SERMON** Bradley Duckstein

**HYMN OF REFLECTION** “Will You Come & Follow Me” (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**

“Take Up Your Spade”

Sara Watkins

Melissa Asklof and Jim Coppoc

*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](mailto:office@amesucc.org).*

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

### **HYMN OF SENDING**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service,” Hymn 495

### **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.*

## Calendar for the Week

### Monday, September 3

*Church office closed for Labor Day*  
5:30 p.m. Serving a Meal at  
Emergency Residence Project (Alt)

### Wednesday, September 5

10:45 a.m. Study for Sunday  
12:00 p.m. Bell Ringing  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Saturday, September 8

*Katie Tschopp's Ames UCC Anniversary*

### Sunday, September 9

#### *Rally Sunday*

9:30 a.m. Crafts and Potluck  
Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Worship

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### **Bring Candy for Our Booth at Ames Pridefest**

At our booth at Ames Pridefest on Saturday, September 29, we will be handing out goody bags that include information about Ames UCC. There's a box in the parlor for donations of individually wrapped candy to include in those goody bags — we plan to make 500 bags to hand out, so we'll need plenty. Thank you so much for your help! Have questions? Contact Katie Tschopp ([office@amesucc.org](mailto:office@amesucc.org), 515-232-9323).

### **Join the Social Justice and Outreach Team in Learning How to Act on Climate Change – 9/8**

Ames UCC Social Justice and Outreach team is collaborating with members of Ames Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and other faith communities to host a community event: Climate Mobilization Launch Party, on September 8 at 1:00 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at 1015 North Hyland Avenue. Come hear from thoughtful speakers and consider plans for ways to engage as faith communities in addressing the social justice aspects of climate change.

### **Rally Sunday: Commit to Create – 9/9**

Sunday, September 9, join the Christian Education Team in building up another program year at Ames UCC! The fun starts with a potluck breakfast at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, with tableware and drinks provided by the CE Team. There will be activities and crafts for children, youth, and adults of all ages. As always, there's plenty of coffee and great conversation!

### **Unscripted: Calmly Connecting with God and Others**

Feel stressed and too busy? A new group will be starting September 26, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. Join us for a midweek "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](mailto:ndunn949@gmail.com)), Andrea Klocke (515-988-9422, [andreaklocke@gmail.com](mailto:andreaklocke@gmail.com)), or Linda Hanson (515-520-2583, [linda.hanson2011@gmail.com](mailto:linda.hanson2011@gmail.com)).

### **Thank you for making the Attic to Basement Church Sale a success!**

The ABC Sale was very successful this year. More than 100 people contributed their hard work. A special thank you to the dedicated "repeat" helpers who are listed in multiple categories, and thank you to all who gave us the great donations we had to offer! We could not hold the sale without the many donations we receive.

Wednesday workers from April - July

Barbara Faidley, Barbara Hauerrberg, Barbara Yungclas, Bill Yungclas, Catherine James, Ginny Shenk, Irene Dohrmann, Jan Breitman, LeVern Faidley, Lynette Spicer, Nancy Alt, Pat Spangler, Peg Powell, Steve Rogers-Smith, Tania Tipton

Moving donations from basement to the Fellowship Hall

Allen Trenkle, Ami Frank, Barbara Faidley, Barbara Hauerrberg, Dinah Kerksieck, Ginny Shenk, Jan Breitman, Jeff Breitman, Jerry Chase, Kim Spangler, Nick Lyons, Pat Spangler, Phil Spike, Steve Barnhart, Steve Rogers-Smith, Terry Potter

### Week before the sale

Abby Buchele, Aidan Shenk Cook, Ailis Shenk Cook, Barbara Faidley, Barbara Hauerrberg, Barbara Yungclas, Diana McHenry, Diane Birt, Ellen Barnhart, Ginny Shenk, Irene Dohrmann, Jan Bauer, Jan Breitman, Janet Binder, Jenna Buchele, Kristen Shields, Laurie Olk, LeVern Faidley, Lynette Spicer, Pat Spangler, Peg Powell, Sunny Stewart, Tania Tipton

### Set Up

Ben Schrag, LeVern Faidley, Steve Rogers-Smith, Terry Potter

### Posters, social media, publicity

Barbara Faidley, Barbara Yungclas, Bill Yungclas, Katie Tschopp, Laurie Olk, Lynette Spicer, Pastor Eileen

### Working during the sale

Ami Frank, Barbara Faidley, Barbara Hauerrberg, Barbara Yungclas, Debi Ford, Galina Spike, Ginny Shenk, Irene Dohrmann, Jan Breitman, Jennifer Hauerrberg, Jim Coppoc, Judy Blair, Katie Tschopp, Kermit Dirks, LeVern Faidley, Nancy Marks, Pat Spangler, Steve Rogers-Smith, Sunny Stewart, Trudy Dirks

### Cleaning up on Monday

Boyd Dohrmann, Dinah Kerksieck, Jeff Breitman, Kim Spangler, Barbara Faidley, Barbara Hauerrberg, Barbara Yungclas, Eric Abbott, Ginny Shenk, Irene Dohrmann, Jerry Chase, Nancy Marks, Peg Powell, Sally Chase, Steve Rogers-Smith, Sunny Stewart, Terry Potter

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# PRAYER & PRACTICE

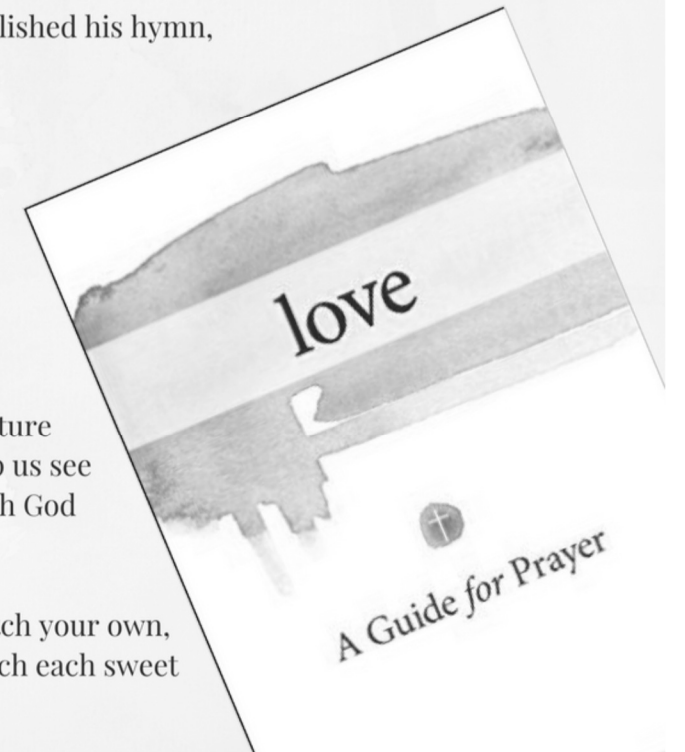
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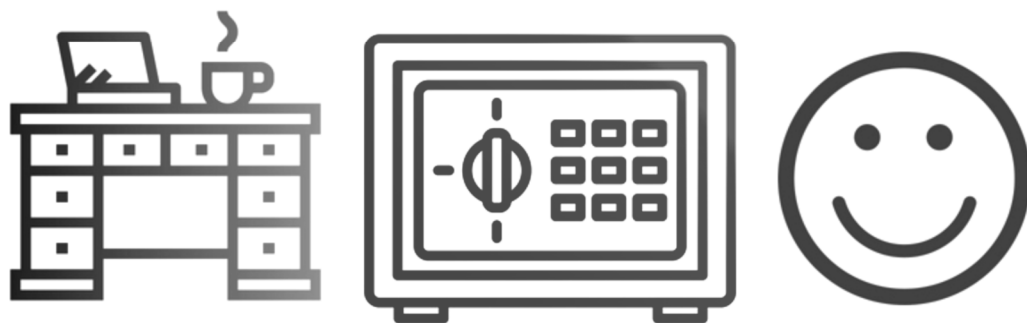
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**THANK YOU, KATIE!**

**SEPTEMBER 8 IS  
KATIE TSCHOPP'S 3RD ANNIVERSARY  
AS OUR CHURCH OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR.**



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