



**the ten
commandments**

**Ames United Church of Christ
Sunday, June 3, 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 Eric Abbot, Jerry Chase, Sally Chase, Emily Kenneke, Steve Rogers-Smith, and Justin Watts. Donna Starck is providing coffee fellowship. Justin Watts is scheduled for building lockup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE MEMORIAL BELL

CENTERING MUSIC “Great is Thy Faithfulness” arr. Larry Shackley

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP Greg Lamont
A formal, and mutual, invitation to move into the worship experience.

One: On the seventh day God rested.

Many: Blessed is this day!

One: We praise you for creation, and for your love to us.

Many: Blessed is this day!

One: We bring our worship, our honor, and our hearts before you.

Many: Blessed is this day!

HYMN “Now Bless the God of Israel,” Hymn 110
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: Almighty God, your name is holy and your love endures. Show us the way to honor you and respect the world which you have made, in our words and in our deeds. By the gracious name of Jesus, 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.



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.

HEBREW BIBLE Exodus 20:1-11 (New Revised Standard) Barbara Faidley
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.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under

the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses 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 to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

SERMON

HYMN OF REFLECTION “My Soul Gives Glory to My 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

“Canon of Praise” arr. H. Hopson

Dinah Kerksieck, Kristin Shields, Katie Tschopp

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.

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 “Great Is Your Faithfulness,” Hymn 423

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.

Severe Weather Drill – TODAY!

As tornado season approaches, the Worship and Music Team will lead a severe weather drill today after the worship service. This way, everyone will know where to go and what to do if severe weather hits Ames. The church has 3 areas that are considered severe weather shelters. Join us to learn which shelter to use and keep safe.

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

It's here! 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 at coffee hour after worship to learn more about the project and share a donation.

Funding Future Leadership Scholarship – 6/10

Next Sunday, June 10, Ames UCC will hold a special offering for the Funding Future Leadership Scholarship. This 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.

Worship Workshop: Ordinary Time – 6/10

What is worship? Why do we do what we do when we do it? How do we know what to do when and how does the hymnal work? Who writes the prayers? Join Pr. Eileen for a workshop that will be both informative and active as we collectively plan the worship services for the Sundays below. The theme will be Stewardship.

8/19/2018: Matthew 6:19-34 (Psalm 51:6-9) with Holy Communion

8/26/2018: Mark 10:17-31 (Psalm 51:10-12)

9/2/2018: Luke 12:13-34 (Psalm 51:15-17)

We will meet from noon to 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If we start earlier, we will end earlier.

RSVP to Pr. Eileen by Monday, June 4, including any childcare needs. Please bring your own lunch.

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 llamas, pygmy goats, Swiss goats and a chicken. 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. Please do not bring your own pets, as it is better for the llamas.

New Times to Help Out With the Attic to Basement Church Sale

As morning bible study's meeting time changes, the ABC sale work time is also changing. The west basement will be open to work on Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please come and help when you are able, arriving when it is convenient for you and leaving when you need to go. Thank you for helping out.

Donate to the Attic to Basement Church Sale

We are still accepting donations for the sale. Consider bringing items such as outside and indoor décor, kitchen items, books, toys and games, and holiday decorations. Clothing is not accepted, but we do accept accessories such as belts, scarves, hats, and jewelry. If you have a large donation, please contact Barbara Faidley (233-3874, barbara@faidley.org). Due to limited storage, large items need to wait until closer to the sale. Please bring your donations to the elevator lobby in the west basement. Your donations make our sale outstanding. If you know of someone that is moving, let them know about the ABC sale! Everything counts. -Barbara Faidley

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.

New Carpet in the Parlor

Ken Birt, David Cook, Elaine Hieber, representing the task force, as well as capital campaign chair Doug Powell met with Natalie Schumacher from Redeker's on Tuesday, May 29 to discuss the color variations of the new carpet.

Natalie took numerous photos from various locations and will be sharing these with a representative from Mohawk carpets. She is contacting a representative to inspect the carpet as soon as possible.

When first contacted about our concern Natalie did offer that there can often be a slight color variation when working with a large carpet roll. Also, when installing carpet in a large area such as ours the seams are more noticeable until the furnishings are in place. Lighting variations also play a factor.

Rather than delay the delivery of the furniture, Redeker's delivered and arranged the furniture on Wednesday, May 30th. When the Mohawk representative inspects the carpet the furniture can easily be moved for inspection.

Task Force Team
Ken Birt, Chair
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DID YOU KNOW?



INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP SPACES AFFIRM THE VALUE OF ALL AGES AND THE CAPACITY OF EVERYONE, AT ANY AGE, TO OFFER PRAYER, SONG, AND THE GIFT OF PRESENCE TO GOD.



John Roberto, editor of "Lifelong Faith"



Calendar for the Week

Monday, June 4

Pr. Hannah out this week

5:30 p.m. Emergency Residence Project (Shedd)

Wednesday, June 6

9:00 a.m. ABC Sale Work Time

10:45 a.m. Study for Sunday

12:00 p.m. Bell Ringing

Sunday, June 10

10:30 a.m. Worship

12:00 p.m. Worship Workshop: Ordinary Time

12:00 p.m. AMOS Core Team

12:00 p.m. Absent Spouses Social Club

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