



**Ames United Church of Christ  
Sunday, June 2, 2019**

*Welcome to Ames UCC! 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.*

## **ABOUT WORSHIP AT AMES UCC**

*Our church is the inheritor of many powerful worship traditions and the adopter of new, moving innovations. But whichever element serves the needs of the day (in terms of scripture, season, or society), each service is developed by members of the church and staff to function as a journey. Our journey takes the individual toward God, into the body of Christ, and then back out to the world with the strength of the Holy Spirit. Along the way we may laugh, we may cry, we may experience deep silence. In each, we embody and come to know more deeply what it means to be a Christian in such a time as this: a servant of 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.*

*Our deacon, ushers, and greeters for today are Janet Binder, Kevin Binder, Steve Rogers-Smith, Allen Trenkle.*

## **ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE**

*Over the last couple of months, I have invited members of our worship and music team, as well as deacons, to learn about how our worship services are structured and why, then take part choosing our opening prayers and music. Today both were developed by Janet Binder. Thank you, Janet! -Pr. Eileen*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **RINGING OF THE MEMORIAL BELL**

### **CENTERING MUSIC**

### **GREETINGS**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** Janet Binder

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

From "Gitanjali" by Nobel Prize winning Rabindranath Tagore

One: Thou hast made me endless, such is thy pleasure.

Many: **This frail vessel thou emptiest again and again,  
and fillest it ever with fresh life**

One: This little flute of a reed thou hast carried over hills and dales,

**Many: and hast breathed through it melodies eternally new.**

One: At the immortal touch of thy hands my little heart loses its limits in joy

**Many: and gives birth to utterance ineffable.**

One: Thy infinite gifts come to me only on these very small hands of mine.

**Many: Ages pass, and still thou pourest, and still there is room to fill.  
Thou hast made me endless.**

**HYMN** "Teach Me" (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..*

Psalm of Anticipation, "Psalms of My Life" by Joseph Bayly

One: Lord Christ

Your Servant

Martin Luther

Said he only had

Two days

On his calendar

Today

And that day

And that's what I want too.

**Many: And I want**

**To live**

**Today**

**For**

**That day**

## 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.*

From Philip Gulley's "Theology 101"

One: Can I be happy at the success of others, or can I only be happy when I do well, when I succeed?

**Many: Must I always get my way,  
or do I want others to also get their turn and have their say?**

One: Must I always be right, or can others possess some wisdom I might not have?

**Many: Must my worldview always prevail,  
or can other perspectives be noticed and appreciated?**

One: Must my religion be the one true faith, or can other religions also share in the Divine Truth?

**Many: Must I always speak, or can I also listen?**

One: Must I always win, or can I let others know the joy?

**Many: Must I accrue great wealth, or can I share with others?**

## 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.*

Continued from Philip Gulley's "Theology 101"

One: I wasn't born in sin, needing to be rescued from an Angry God. Neither were you. We were born immature and incomplete in an unfinished world. Salvation is growing up, growing wise, and finishing the job. It is becoming whole and healed, of realizing our connections. Every now and then we catch a glimpse of it. Someday, I believe, we will live in the fullness of it. That is my hope, that is my joy, and that is our job.

## 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

*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.*



## CHRISTIAN LETTER

Romans 6:1-14a Nick Lyon

New Revised Standard Version

modified for clarity and inclusive language

*The full name of this book of the Bible is The Letter of Paul to the Romans. Paul was an early, energetic, and zealous convert to the Way of Jesus and his letters to early Christian communities (well before there were churches) are the oldest part of the Christian testament, as the gospels were written down later. Romans is likely the newest of Paul's letters, from about 50 CE.*

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death (to sin)? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Creator, so we too might walk in newness of life.

(Since) we have been united with Jesus in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we (trust) that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members (in the sexual sense) to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you...

## SERMON

## HYMN OF REFLECTION

“When Peace, Like a River” (insert)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

*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

*In 2019, nine 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, which goes to rental, medical, and similar direct assistance. You can also designate your gift to the Pastoral Emergency Fund directly at any time. 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).*

*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.*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## HYMN OF SENDING

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing” (insert)

## 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.*

## Calendar for the Week

### Monday, June 3

Pr. Eileen away through

### Thursday, June 6

1:00 p.m. ABC Sale Work Time

5:30 p.m. Emergency Residence

Project Meal (Yungclas)

### Wednesday, June 5

9:00 a.m. ABC Sale Work Time

12:00 p.m. Bell Ringing

### Sunday, June 9

10:30 a.m. Worship

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### Pr. Eileen away

I will be away from the church Monday, June 3 through Saturday, June 8. Pr. Hannah will be available by phone for pastoral care emergencies. -Pr. Eileen

### Vacation Bible School is almost here!

If you would like to help provide snacks supplies for Vacation Bible School (June 24-27), check your e-news for a link to sign up! Contact Pr. Hannah ([hannah@amesucc.org](mailto:hannah@amesucc.org)) with any questions or to volunteer.

### Green for Ordinary Time

Our church seasons of Advent, Christmastide, Lent, Eastertide, and Ordinary Time, provide a framework for studying scripture, marking holidays, and reminding ourselves that whatever appointments and To Dos we have, they exist within God’s eternity. Each comes with a specific color. I invite you to join me in marking your daily calendar with that of each season as a reminder of God’s presence in our daily lives. Here are the dates and colors for the coming months. -Pr. Eileen

Green for Ordinary Time: Monday, June 10 through Saturday, November 30

Blue for Advent: Sunday, December 1 through Monday, December 23

White for Christmastide: Tuesday, December 24 through Sunday, January 5

### **Happy Baptismal Anniversary to Jean Watts**

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

This week we celebrate the baptismal anniversary of Jean Watts. May you feel the renewal of the promises you made (or your parents made on your behalf) and the responsive care of this congregation in upholding them.

### **Church Social Night (aka Soccer and Donuts) at Roosevelt Park – 6/8**

Come for some fun and informal church time on Saturday, June 8 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, card games, bean bag tosses - we will provide the donuts and soccer things. Last year's Soccer and Donuts event was a great time - so fun to see people outside their church pews! We laughed, we ate donuts, and we engaged in some truly multi-generational soccer silliness. This year, if we have enough people, we'd like to try to end the night with a short scrimmage between the youth group and parents!

### **Pentecost – 6/9**

On Sunday, June 9 we mark the holiday of Pentecost, a celebration of newness, revelations, and the power of the Holy Spirit. It will also be seminary intern David Sheridan's final worship service with us. I invite you to wear red to worship, the traditional color for the Holy Spirit, and to remain after for a cake reception. (And we will have plenty red items for you to add to your ensemble if you don't have any or forget.) Come, Holy Spirit, Come! -Pr. Eileen

### **Strengthen the Church – 6/9**

On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, Ames UCC will hold the Strengthen the Church (STC) offering with congregations across the national United Church of Christ. STC is a special mission offering that helps to expand support for new churches, new ministries, and new leaders. Visit [ucc.org/stc](http://ucc.org/stc) to learn more about the Strengthen the Church offering.

### **Short Stories by Jesus – 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/3, 7/24, 7/31**

During the 10:45 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study for Sunday in June and July (dates below) we will study Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's book "Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi." Copies of the book will be available for purchase for \$10 each at Bible Study and in the church office during office hours.

6/12 Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son

6/19 The Good Samaritan

6/26 The Pearl of Great Price

7/3 The Mustard Seed

7/24 The Laborers in the Vineyard

7/31 The Widow and the Judge

We will not meet on July 10 and 17 as I will be on vacation. -Pr. Eileen

### **Back by Popular Demand: Men's Fellowship Cookbook – recipes due 7/1**

It's been 15 years since the last printing of the UCC Men's Fellowship Cookbook – affectionally known as "Comfort Food." That edition has been "out of print" for many years, but it has been rumored to be found in museums, musty closets, dowry chests, and many other unusual places. So, the Men's Fellowship has a plan to revise and expand the original edition. All recipes from those cooks that have passed will be included PLUS new recipes contributed from all UCC men in the 2019 edition.

Please submit your favorite recipe(s) electronically (.doc or Google Doc format) or hard copy to Larry Trede (larrytrede@gmail.com) by July 1<sup>st</sup>. If you submit a handwritten recipe, please write very legibly. We plan to publish by the holiday shopping season to make a great gift for friends, spouses, children, grandchildren, and other loved ones. Proceeds from the first edition funded tables for the Fellowship Hall. Proceeds and any royalties from the sale of the 2019 cookbook will be used to fund a high priority need(s) of the church.

### Summer Worship Schedule

In order to accommodate our Hobbit Hill hosts in June and a special event with our fellow worshipers at First Christian in July, we will not change the worship time in the summer. We will remain at 10:30 a.m. throughout June, July, and August. Upcoming services below.

#### June

- 6/9 Pentecost! Please wear red, if you are able.
- 6/16 Regular worship at Ames UCC
- 6/23 Worship at Hobbit Hill (5508 Lincoln Way, Ames) followed by potluck lunch
- 6/30 Regular worship at Ames UCC

#### Joint worship with First Christian Church in July

- 7/7 Pr. Mary Jane Button-Harrison preaches at Ames UCC
- 7/14 Pr. Eileen Gebbie preaches at First Christian Church
- 7/21 Pr. April Johnson, Minister of Reconciliation for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada, preaches at First Christian
- 7/28 Our own Pr. Linda Hanson, former Global Ministries missionary, preaches at Ames UCC

#### August

- 8/4 Worship in the park with Ames UCC, First Christian, and First Baptist
- 8/11, 18, 25 Regular worship at Ames UCC

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