



**Ames United Church of Christ
Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 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 Tom Corrieri, Barbara Hauerrberg, the Klocke family, and Kim Spangler.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE MEMORIAL BELL

CENTERING MUSIC

GREETINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP Pr. Eileen

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

One: I ask you, what will separate us from what is sacred and what is real?

Many: Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ!

One: Can hardship or distress, persecution or famine, peril, or sword?

Many: Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ!

One: Can death or life, rulers or powers, height, or depth?

Many: Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ!

HYMN “Let Every Christian Pray,” Hymn 261

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: God of holy fire, when the time was right, you sent your Holy Spirit to empower your disciples. Inspire us yet today with your fire, that with burning hearts we might eagerly continue the work which they started, for the sake of our savior Jesus Christ. 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.
God of fire and spirit,

Many: **You have created and redeemed all things
through the gift of your son.**

Yet we often live as though it makes no difference for us.

**We choose to remain stuck in old patterns,
cling to the familiar and safe,**

and refuse opportunities to step out in courage and faith.

Forgive our cowardice, stubbornness, and willful disobedience.

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: The Holy Spirit brings a new day, a new chance to make new choices, and renewal between people, creation, and creator. Rejoice that you have been forgiven and called sisters and brothers of our savior and Lord! 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

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 TESTAMENT Acts of the Apostles 2:1-4 Steve Rogers-Smith
New Revised Standard Version

The Acts of the Apostles is the first book in the Christian Testament after the four gospels. It was written as a companion to the Gospel of Luke.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

CHRISTIAN LETTER Romans 8:24-27, 21, 35, 38-39

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.

For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

SERMON David Sheridan, Seminary Intern

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song," Hymn 270

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 John Hermanson's "Hosanna," arranged and offered by Ben Schrag
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.

Today Ames UCC holds 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 to learn more.

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 "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness," Hymn 286

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 a cake reception for Seminary Intern David Sheridan.

Calendar for the Week

Monday, June 10

1:00 p.m. ABC Sale Work Time
5:30 p.m. Emergency Residence
Project Meal (Nadolny)
5:30 p.m. Worship Staff Meeting
7:15 p.m. Financial Stewardship

Tuesday, June 11

10:30 a.m. Personnel Committee
12:00 p.m. Men's Fellowship

Wednesday, June 12

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

Saturday, June 15

*Sexton David Cook away on vacation
through Saturday, June 29*

9:30 a.m. Volunteer at Food at First

Sunday, June 16

10:30 a.m. Worship
11:30 a.m. Matt 25 Ministers
Communion Training

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) with any questions or to volunteer.

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	7/3 The Mustard Seed
6/19 The Good Samaritan	7/24 The Laborers in the Vineyard
6/26 The Pearl of Great Price	7/31 The Widow and the Judge

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

Women's Fellowship – 6/12

On Wednesday, June 12, Women's Fellowship will be taking a field trip to Threshold Learning Center in Zearing, Iowa. We would like to know who is coming on the trip so could you call Barbara Faidley at 233-3874 or 450-1078 to RSVP by Tuesday, June 11. We will meet at the church on May 12 at 11:20 in the parking lot so we can carpool. We plan to leave at 11:30. Bring your lunch with you and we will eat at the Learning Center. Threshold Learning Center is run by the daughter of Sharron and Bill Slinger, longtime members of the church. The Slingers are live-in caretakers for the Learning Center. All women of the church are welcome, even if you normally do not attend meetings. Come join us for fun and fellowship in the country.

Annual Worship at Hobbit's Hill – 6/23

Ames UCC will worship together outdoors at Hobbit's Hill, home of George Belitsos and Peter Wolfe, on Sunday, June 23 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. The first parking area is just west of Wilder Road. There will be parking signs on the road. If you need special assistance, go to the driveway of the house which is further west after the grass parking area. Drive in and unload everyone and everything and then return to a regular parking area.

Bring your own chairs or a blanket, a dish to share, and your own plates and silverware. The Building Relationships team 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 Fellowship Hall.

Hymn Sing at the Waterford – 6/23

Join members of our church who live at the Waterford, and hosts Terry Potter and Christa Andersen, for a hymn sing on Sunday, June 23 at 4 p.m. The address is 1325 Coconino Road, 50014.

Celebrate AMOS in June

This June 28 we will celebrate AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) and make an investment in our vital work in Ames, Ankeny, Norwalk, and the Des Moines metro. In the last year alone, we have, through our collective membership in AMOS,

1. Launched an effort to bring a Housing First permanent supportive housing initiative to Story County, to address the needs of our neighbors with chronic mental illness. Our AMOS Housing Team and Mental Health Teams have brought together elected officials, non-profit agencies, churches, and other stakeholders to work together toward this goal.
2. Secured ongoing public funding for two AMOS-initiated organizations: Project IOWA and the Story County Housing Trust Fund. Project Iowa is a job training program leading to good jobs at a living wage. The Story County Housing Trust funds go to help to rehabilitate older owner-occupied homes in need of repair.
3. Worked with partners to launch a successful Story County Community ID program, providing identification cards to those who do not have a driver's license or state issued ID. Two events have been held so far at St. Cecilia Church and around 200 people now have ID cards.
4. Successfully worked to include 5 key AMOS priorities in the City of Des Moines one-cent sales tax proposal, then helped pass the proposal with over 70% of the vote!
5. Expanded our membership with the founding of a new AMOS cluster of seven congregations in Ankeny!

Join in an AMOS celebration and fundraising party at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames on Friday, June 28 at 7:00 pm. The event will include interactive activities, an opportunity to get to know other AMOS member institutions, and an opportunity to give toward support of AMOS. You can RSVP to the party and learn how you can contribute at amosiowa.org/yourinvestment

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 1st. 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.

New Library Books

New books are on display in the sanctuary, hallway and in the library. All books on display are available for check out. Just sign your name on the card in the book and leave the card on the bookshelf in the library. Enjoy a good book this summer.

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

- 6/16 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

August

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

September

- 9/1 Regular worship at Ames UCC
- 9/8 Rally Day! The start of our program year.

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Get in touch with a team leader with the information in your church directory. Contact Katie Tschopp (515-232-9323, office@amesucc.org) if you need a copy.