**The Faith of Prophets: Lessons for the Climate Crisis**

Saturday, April 23, and Sunday April 24, 2022

The event will consist of three parts:

**Part One: National Webinar, United Church of Christ**

**Saturday, April 23, 2022 (Times Central Time)**

**9:30-10:30 am**. Opening Keynote via Zoom: “Why Prophets Matter Today” by the **Rev. Dr. Brooks Berndt, Minister of Environmental Justice for the United Church of Christ**.

**10:45-11:45 am**. Panel Discussion via Zoom: “Prophetic Action Today”

* 1. **Rev. Michael Malcom of the People’s Justice Council**. The Rev. Michael Malcom is the Executive Director of Alabama Interfaith Power & Light and the People’s Justice Council. In 2020, Malcom was named by Grist as one 50 “Fixers” who are emerging leaders with bold, innovative solutions to address critical environmental issues.
  2. **Nellis Kennedy-Howard of Honor the Earth**. Nellis Kennedy-Howard is a teaching pastor in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For four years, she worked alongside Winona LaDuke as the Co-Executive Director for Honor the Earth. She has additionally worked asSierra Club’s Director of Equity, Inclusion and Justice.
  3. **Hector Arbuckle of the Ames Climate Action Team.** Hector Arbuckle is a senior at Iowa State University and a member of the Ames Climate Action Team. Arbuckle has been a leader in the effort to compel the city of Ames to adopt and successfully implement an aggressive citywide emissions reduction target by 2030.

**Part Two: Practicing What We Preach: Taking Prophetic Action**.

**Saturday, April 23, 2022 (Times Central Time)**

**Participants are urged to attend local climate events during the early afternoon period in their communities.** In Ames, for example, Story County Parks is offering“Climate Conversations”  at McFarland Park, Ames1:00 to 2:00 p.m. (Registrations required for this event at <http://www.mycountyparks.com/>.) There is no charge to attend this event.

**3:00-4:30 pm.** **Planning Action Strategies to Address Climate Change.** (This will be a Zoom event). How to create effective activities and actions to address climate issues. Working with attendees to develop individual or small group action items that can be delivered to policymakers.

**Part Three: Caring for our Earthly Garden**

**Sunday, April 24**

**9:00-10:15 am.** Open Zoom Session with Rev. Berndt: Examples of Congregations and Individuals in Addressing Climate Issues. Q&A opportunities.

**10:30-11:30 am**. Join Ames UCC church for worship with Rev. Brooks Berndt providing the Sermon entitled “Barefoot Blessings.” (Service will be available via Zoom; may also be offered in person).

**List of Supporting Organizations**

* Iowa Interfaith Power & Light
* Interfaith Green Coalition
* Plymouth UCC Creation Care & Justice Coalition, Des Moines
* More Supporting Organizations to Come!