



First United Methodist Church
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8:30 & 11:00 - March 25, 2018

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

CENTERING WORDS:

“What shall I do, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?”

Pilate in Matthew 27:22

THE GATHERING

This week in our prayers for the world let us remember especially the people of Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam.

OPENING VOLUNTARIES

8:30 - “Air for Band”

ISU Wind Ensemble

11:30 - “The Palms”

Jean Baptiste Faure

“Enter His Gates with Praise!”

Richard A. Williamson

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

arr: Raymond H. Haan

As this music is offered as prayer, let us be sensitive to the Holy Spirit who prepares and opens us to connect with God in Christ today.

GREETING & SHARING THE NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Welcome, members, friends & visitors—please fill in the ritual of friendship pad, pass it to your neighbor, and then return it to its starting place. If you are new and would like more information, please indicate on the friendship pad, stop by the Welcome Center or call the office for more information.

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let’s wave palms and welcome Christ into our midst.

Hosanna to the blessed child of God.

Feel free to shed tears, for today we remember

Christ’s death.

Hosanna to the blessed child of God.

On this day, we reflect on Christ’s passion.

Hosanna to the blessed child of God.

On this day, we laugh with joy and cry with anguish.

Hosanna to the blessed child of God.

On this day, we begin the holiest week of all.

Hosanna to the blessed child of God.

On this day, we begin to grieve,
so when we celebrate Easter next week,
we may laugh in the face of anguish,
and celebrate the resurrection of Christ.
Hosanna to the blessed child of God!

PROCESSIONAL HYMNS

No. 289 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN (11:00 only)

Songs of the Sunday School “Hosanna Medley”

PRAYER ON PALM-PASSION SUNDAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

God of Palms and Passion, come to us this day.

Enter into our hearts as you once entered into
Jerusalem, full of passion and purpose.

Help us receive you with joy and thanksgiving
that we may enter into your ministry with that same
passion and purpose.

Instill in each of us the mind of Christ,
that we may be your disciples on this earth.

Strengthen our resolve in the face of fear and tragedy,
that we may proclaim your name and follow your lead.

In the name of Christ our Cornerstone, we pray.

Amen.

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m. --- **“A Childhood Hymn”**

ISU Wind Ensemble

Conductor: Tyler Bainter

11:00 a.m. ---

“Ride On, King Jesus”

Chancel Choir

CALL FOR THE OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Hosanna, Holy One, bless these gifts and offerings,
that they may pave the way for others
who are traveling hard roads.

Bless our lives and our ministries,
that we may be reflections of your love and salvation.
In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

OFFERTORY

8:30 --- "An Irish Ayre" Warren Barker ISU Wind Ensemble

11:00 --- "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" Charles Callahan

OFFERTORY RESPONSE No. 278 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

THE GOSPEL IN WORD AND SONG

The Entry into Jerusalem

Hymn Vs. "Were you there when he gathered with his friends?"

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble..."

At a Home in Bethany and the Anointing

A Plot to Betray

In the Temple with the money-changers

Time for the Passover

The Last Supper

Hymn Vs. "Were you there when he gave them bread and wine?"

A Prediction

Praying in the Garden

Hymn Vs. "Were you there when he knelt and prayed to God?"

The Judas Kiss

Peter's Denial

The Trial and Sentencing

Hymn. Vs. "Were you there when they sentenced him to death?"

"Father, forgive them."

"Remember me..."

Hymn. Vs. "Were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

Jesus Dies

The Burial

Hymn Vs. "Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?"

----A silence ----

PRAYER

We cling to the cross, and touch the love that we believe will yet break death.

We desire to believe that life can begin anew.

Help us, O God, to know the touch of your grace; and in that moment, may we feel and be aware of your love being shared with us to bring us to new life.

Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

The tomb has been closed. The stone covers the opening securely.

What then shall we say?

Christ has died, but Christ will arise.

Christ will come again!

HYMN

No. 298

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

8:30 --- “Goin’ Home” (Largo from the New World Symphony)

Antonin Dvorak ISU Wind Ensemble

11:00 --- Prelude Sombre

organist, Myrna Cakerice

Let us be aware this musical offering is a statement of faith to send us from worship into service. Please be respectful of those who choose to remain to listen.

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

Reader’s today: Rosie Brandt, Connie Tilroe, Will Copley, Pastor Cephas, Carrie Copley, Rod Bodholdt, Kari Holmes, Emma Killian, and Karsten Holm

ISU WIND ENSEMBLE

Today to help make our Palm-Passion Sunday celebration more exciting and meaningful, we have the ISU Wind Ensemble under the direction of Michael Golemo here to perform for us.

The ISU Wind Ensemble features 60 of the finest student wind and percussion players on the ISU campus. Its repertory includes music from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries. The Wind Ensemble often features renowned guest conductors, composers and soloists. Free will offering baskets are at the entrances of the sanctuary for any financial gifts to help the students go on their tour this Spring.

Worship Taskforce

In response to the congregational assessment tool taken last winter, a taskforce was appointed by the administrative council to explore options for our worship services. We met several times and recommended the church stay with the current worship times (5:30 Saturday; 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday). We believe it would benefit the congregation to have worship choices. We’d like to know what types of worship appeal to you! In addition, we can communicate opinions with our new senior pastor when she arrives in July.

You can find paper copies of the survey at the Welcome Desk or you can take it online. Both versions should take about five minutes to complete. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/B68KM32>

MAUNDY THURSDAY
Come and Worship Here at 7 p.m. on March 29

As we journey into Holy Week we open ourselves to reflect on a full range of emotions. It is a time to embrace our humanity along with Jesus. Our worship on Maundy Thursday will be held here in our building. We will listen again to the story of Jesus' "new commandment" that he gave to his disciples before his death---the commandment to "love one another". We will share together in remembering the Lord's Supper.

GOOD FRIDAY --- March 30 at 5:30 p.m.

We will gather with one another in the chapel to observe a time of worship at 5:30 p.m.as we recall the last hours of Jesus' life as he hangs on a cross. Pastor Cephas will lead us through remembering the last

EASTER WEEKEND
PROCLAIMING RESURRECTION'S JOY
March 31 and April 1!

The "First Service of Easter" will occur as people gather for our weekly Saturday at First worship at 5:30 p.m. on March 31. Then, Easter morning will dawn and we will join with our friends in faith from FCC and UCC for an "Easter Sunrise" worship celebration **being held this year at Reiman Gardens at 7 a.m.**

Our Easter celebrations of worship will continue at our regular 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. times. Myrna Cakerice will be providing fine uplifting music for this holy day and our Chancel Choir will be singing out a glad resurrection anthem. Anson Woodin will be here to sing two special solos for Easter morning. Pastor Fred will be preaching and his sermon is titled "Resurrection".



Easter Happening

Following the 11:00 worship service, the Christian Education Ministry Team will be hosting a family friendly meal of sandwiches, chips, veggies, and fruit. There will be crafts and games set up throughout Fellowship Hall including an egg shaped sugar cookie decorating station. Shortly after the meal, the children will be able to go on our annual indoor Easter egg hunt! All are welcome!

A CHURCH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD TODAY AT 1 P.M.

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Harlan Gillespie, is calling a special Church Conference (all members are invited with voice and vote) to Vote on the Staff Parish Relations Committee's recommendation to approve Fredrick Killian as a candidate for ordained ministry from this congregation. The SPRC met and interviewed Fredrick on March 6, using the formal documents provided by our denomination's Board of Ministry. Fredrick and his family have been members here for over two years. He received his "call to ministry" about that time and entered seminary and graduate studies at Saint Paul's School of Theology. With approximately 1 1/2 to 2 years of education remaining. He has started the formal process to become an ordained Elder in the UMC and has had initial interviews with our District's Board of Ministry. He has a passion to serve in the local church and special interests in the fields of prison chaplaincy and work with youth and young adults. He has earned various honors as a student at Saint Paul's; including being elected to the student government and chosen to represent the seminary as an ambassador to Iowa. He will help share the story of seminary education and life hoping others might also discern their own call to ministry. To approve Fredrick at a Church Conference is just one more step on his pathway into the ordained ministry. Please, make time to be here on Sunday, March 25, at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary to vote on this important decision for Fredrick and for our whole UMC.

Putt through Hol(e)y Week

On Wednesday, March 28, we will have our annual Family Holy Week Event. This year we will have a "Putt through Hol(e)y Week" with a putt-putt golf course set up throughout the education wing and classrooms. Each hole will be themed with an event that took place during Holy Week. The hole will have information about that event at the beginning so you will learn more about what happened during that time. We are looking for people interested in creating a putt-putt golf hole-we already have the themes, we just need people to put them together. If you are interested, please contact Nicole at nicole@fumcames.org or call the church office.



ATTENTION ASP:

We will have an ASP Organizational meeting Sunday April 8th at 5:00 pm in the High School Youth Room at the Church. This will be an informational and planning meeting. We still have openings so please invite other youth and encourage them to come and find out more about ASP.

The Week at a Glance
March 25– March 31

Sunday, March 25
Palm/Passion Sunday
8:30 & 11:00 Services
Children Sing
Easter Happening Luncheon

Monday, March 26

Tuesday, March 27
Quilters
NO STAFF MEETING
2:00 Farm to Folk
5:30 Finance

Wednesday, March 28
12:00 Lenten Lunch
6:00 Meal; 6:30 Activities

Thursday, March 29
Kiwaniis "Golden K" meeting/FH
5:30-6:30 Ames School Committee/CR
7:00 Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30
5:30 Good Friday Service/Chapel

Saturday, March 31
5:30 SAF Holy Saturday

CR-Conference Room
FH-Fellowship Hall
LIB - Library
MPR-Multipurpose Room
EYR-East Youth Room
WYR-West Youth Room
SCR-Staff Conference Room
Par - Parlor
Kitch - Kitchen in FH

GREETERS

8:30
Libby & Eden Gens

11:00
Donna Banker
Lori Stephens

USHERS

8:30 & 11:00
UMM

Young Adult Class

ACOLYTES

8:30
Ainsley & Addie Jurgens

11:00
Randa Ross
Dunkin Bearson

NURSERY

Clove
&
Meredith

Audio/Video/Streaming

Doug Hill	Pete Peterson
Dean Swyter	Fredrick Killian
Mike Evans	Calvin Evans
Marty Sankey	Larry Vallery
Zachery Smith	Bobby Gens
Nicole Smith	



Chancel Choir ALWAYS
welcomes NEW members!
Join us!

Utilities in loving memory of Don Lesan
from Wilma Lesan and family

WE WELCOME YOU!

Our Welcome Center is located in the gathering space near the elevator. Please stop by if you have questions or would like to get more information about the church. Be sure to mention if you are a first time visitor.

Nursery care is available in Room E203, in the Christian Education Unit, on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings for children under the age of 5. All of our workers are trained and screened. Items for children's worship bags are available in the gathering area.

Restrooms are located in the east hallways and by the elevator. Ushers are available at the entrances of the sanctuary to assist you with hearing devices, large print bulletins or any questions you may have. An emergency phone and defibrillator are located on the wall near the west entry.

First United Methodist Church Affirmation of Welcome

As a community of the people of God, we are called to minister to all people of the world, knowing that the world is often an unloving place of alienation and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, as we are challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing within our society.

We stand in affirmation with the apostle Paul that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." Christ has made us one. We acknowledge that this reconciliation encompasses all within the community of faith who exhibit any and all differences in the human condition including, but not limited to: race, gender, ethnicity, age, culture, physical and mental ability, educational level, economic status, personality, marital status, sexual orientation and gender identity in response to the often hostile social climate with respect to diversity within our society and the resulting feelings of alienation from the Church, we wish to make known our caring and concern. It is for this purpose that we affirm the following:

- all persons share the sacred worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God;
- all persons are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making affirmation of faith; and that as members of this congregation, all persons are invited and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Fred Lewis, Senior Minister/Lead Pastor

Rev. Cephas Davis, Associate Pastor

Nicole Smith, Director of Christian Education

Brooke Kruger, Youth Director

Deb Benefield, Director of Office & Communications

Reid Cummer, Business Manager

Myrna Cakerice, Organist/Director of Choirs

Steve Pelz, Facility Director

Matt Woodworth, Part-time/Sunday Custodian

Go to our website: www.fumcames.org for the latest church information. Follow us on facebook.

Church office hours:

Mon-Thurs: 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Friday 8:30 to 4:30

To view church services live, go to <http://bit.ly/amesfirstumclivestream>.
To view past services and other church events, go to Ames First United Methodist Church's YouTube page at <http://bit.ly/amesfirstumcyoutube>.