



**First United Methodist Church**  
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8:30 Livestream March 22, 2020  
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick

## THE GATHERING

### OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“Song Without Words” No. 44.

Felix Mendelssohn

“Precious Name”

William H. Diane

“Old French Melody”

Cesar Franck

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Arr: Wilda J. Auld

### GREETING, SHARING 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 and also stop at the hospitality desk in the narthex.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Exodus 6:1-7)

The Lord says, “I have heard the groaning of my people who are in bondage, and I have remembered my covenant with them.”

**“Tell my people: I will free you from the burdens of your slaveholders, and I will set you free!”**

“I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgement. I will take you as my people, and I will be your God.”

**We know that it is the Lord our God who has freed us. We wait for His return as a bride awaits her groom. Praise the Lord!**

### HYMN

“My Hope is Built”

### OPENING PRAYER

**God of all times and places, we pray for the bride of Christ, Your Church, which is set today in the midst of a chaotic changing order, and is face-to-face with new tasks. Baptize her afresh in the life-giving Spirit of Jesus. Renew her desire to respond with swifter compassion and utter loyalty to Your will. Help Your Church boldly proclaim the coming of Your kingdom. Bid her cease from seeking her own life, lest she lose it. Grant Your Church courage to give up her life so that, like her crucified Lord, she may travel by the path of the cross to a higher glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS**  
**PASTORAL PRAYER**  
**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE**

John 14:1-3

**A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**

Nicole Smith

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Be Still, My Soul”

Arr: Chris Rice

Piano solo: Myrna Cakerice

**SECOND SCRIPTURE**

Luke 22:14-20

**WITNESS TO THE WORD**

“The Last Passover: Four Cups of Promise”

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“And Are We Yet Alive”

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY**

“Ah, Holy Jesus” Robert Hubble

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”.

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Lord, send us Your Holy Spirit to cleanse our hearts and purify our motives for returning a portion of what is already Yours. Set apart the gifts we offer today for Your purposes, and set us apart also as a living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

(adapted, #754, 1966 Methodist Hymnal)

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**HYMN**

“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”.

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY**

“The Church's One Foundation”

Samuel S. Wesley

**LEAVING FOR SERVICE**



## UMM AUCTION UPDATE

In response to Pastor Kerrin's communication to the church, the United Methodist Men will be canceling our annual FUN(D) Auction scheduled for April 18th. We pray that we may be able to reschedule the event later this spring or early summer. Everyone be wise and stay healthy.  
Dean Sampson, Chairman

## SUPPORT OUR ASP TRIP

ASP stock is on sale now! The Shares are \$25 each. We will continue to sell stock through Easter.

Email Ken Van Pelt if you are interested in purchasing stock shares. [kkvanpelt@q.com](mailto:kkvanpelt@q.com). and then mail your check to the church office with ASP stock shares in the memo line.

## CONTACT information



**DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE MISSING OUT?  
ARE YOU RECEIVING  
ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER REQUESTS, OR  
CHURCH NEWS IN GENERAL???**

**Make sure and let the office know of any  
name/address/phone or email changes.** Help us by contacting us  
whenever you make such a change. **Be in the know!**

### The Week at a Glance March 22 - March 28

**Sunday, March 22**  
8:30 Livestream

**Monday, March 23**  
Foundation by email

**Tuesday, March 24**  
7:00 Missions/cancelled

**Wednesday, March 25**

**Thursday, March 26**

**Friday, March 27**

**Saturday, March 28**

## NAMETAGS!

**DO YOU HAVE ONE?  
DO YOU WANT ONE?  
DO YOU WANT A NEW ONE?  
WE NO LONGER MAKE  
NAMETAGS WITH PICTURES.  
DOES YOUR NAMETAG HAVE A PICTURE  
OF SOMEONE YOU DON'T RECOGNIZE?  
MAYBE YOU WOULD LIKE A NEW ONE!  
Let Deb know - [deb@fumcomes.org](mailto:deb@fumcomes.org)**

### Audio/Video/Streaming

Mike Evans

Marty Sankey

## UMCOR WEEKEND AT FUMC

**The envelopes for UMCOR will be included in the newsletter.**

## 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, a place of alienation and brokenness. Christ calls us to reconciliation and wholeness, and 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.”** ALL are ONE IN CHRIST. We at Ames First UMC acknowledge that this reconciliation encompasses ALL within the community of faith who exhibit differences in race, gender, and ethnicity, as well as age, culture, physical ability, educational level, economic status, personality, marital status, and sexual orientation.

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 worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God;

ALL persons are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making an affirmation of faith; and,

ALL persons are encouraged and expected to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation as members of this church.

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>.