

First United Methodist Church
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Online at 8:30 May 3, 2020
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop



THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“Serenade to Spring”

Arr: Jane Holstein

“The Prayer”

Arr: Jane Holstein

“On Eagle’s Wings”

Arr: Douglas E. Wagner

“One Bread, One Body”

Arr: Lloyd Larson

GREETING

Linda and Woody Woodworth

SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

Explanation of the Love Feast

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Isaiah 43:1-4)

Thus says the Lord: “Do not fear for I have redeemed you!”

“I have called you by name, you are Mine!”

The Lord is with us as we pass through the waters. The floods shall not overwhelm us!

We are precious in His sight. We love You, Lord! You are the Holy One, our Savior!

HYMN

“Grace Greater Than our Sin”

First United Methodist Church (Downtown), Houston, TX

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we sometimes feel like an ant on a burning stick. We go back and forth without knowing what to do. Fear follows us like a shadow. Help us remember that You are always with us. Remind us to stop, drop, and pray. Assure us that we are Yours, called and redeemed, and precious in Your sight. Teach us to love as You love. And when we fall short of Your glory (which we often do), lift us up and encourage us once again to keep walking in faith, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE Romans 3:22-28, New Living Translation
Dave Jurgens

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nicole Smith

ANTHEM

“Rise Up”

Addie Jurgens

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Genesis 6:11-14, 17-22

WITNESS TO THE WORD

“The God Who Remembers”

CELEBRATION OF THE LOVE FEAST

Sharing Song “There is Room at the Table” Carrie Newcomb
(*Sing and Dance along!*)

Introduction to the Love Feast Centering Prayer

Reflections: Phrases that remind us God is with us, and what we do when we remember that.

(Video to be supplied by Pastor Nikki)

Table Grace “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Prayer

Passing the Bread “He Leadeth Me Medley” Arr: Jay Rouse

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY “He Touched Me” Arr: Jay Rouse

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

No. 95 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, our Father, we have received such abundance from Your hand! Accept and multiply this offering of Your people. In Your mercy and love, remember those who have brought it, and those for whom it is given. We ask that this offering be used according to Your will, promoting peace and goodwill among all peoples, and advancing the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(adapted, Book of Worship #554)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Joni Eareckson & The Master’s Chorale

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Te Deum”

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

“The Stories of Genesis”

We are working our way through the stories of Genesis. These first few ancient stories reveal much about who God is, the nature of human beings, and the nature of our relationship with this God who created us.

Be sure to join us each week as we explore the first book of the Bible!

May 3rd: “The God Who Remembers”

Main Scripture: Genesis 6:11-14; 17-22 The story of Noah

Supporting: Romans 3:22-28 Righteousness through faith



Adult Sunday School Continues On

Please join Coffee Talk every Sunday at 10:30am as we continue to connect with one another and study God's Word.

April 19-May 17- Maker Discipleship Series, Patrick Annotti

- Discipleship is at the very heart of the ministry of Jesus. It should be at the heart of the life of the Christian as well! This 5-week series has been designed for those that are wanting to fulfill God's plan for their lives of being Disciples of Jesus, and making Disciples of Jesus.
- We will attempt to show the short video through Zoom, but we can't count on that working. We encourage you to go to [RightNow media](#) and watch the video prior to the start of Coffee Talk. If you need access to RightNow media, please email Nicole at nicole@fumcames.org

Mid Week FUMC Connections Group

Join us on Zoom each Wednesday evening at 7:00 for connecting with one another, sharing joy, concerns, needs and prayer. If you need help connecting to Zoom, please contact the Copley's at 515-291-4380.



Children & their families are invited to jump on the Children's Sunday School Zoom session at 9:45a.m.

Hey kids (and parents)! Don't forget to check out our Move It Monday, What's Up Wednesday, and Try Day Friday Zoom sessions.

These are usually about 15-20 minutes and are live at 11:00a.m. Recordings are sent out in case you miss it and want to work it into your schedule at a different time. Contact Nicole if you need the link. nicole@fumcames.org.

Young Adult Zoom Meetings

Young Adults will be meeting every Monday at 6pm to share joys and concerns and to discuss the previous day's worship. If you would like to join please contact Pastor Nikki at nikki@fumcames.org

FROM BISHOP LAURIE

In light of the expectation that positive cases of COVID-19 will peak in Iowa in the next few weeks, I am strongly encouraging all United Methodist churches in Iowa to refrain from in-person worship until June 1, when I will reassess. I am going beyond the Governor's recommendations despite my previously stated intention of following Governor Reynolds's guidelines around worship. FUMC Ames will follow Pastor Laurie's suggestion.

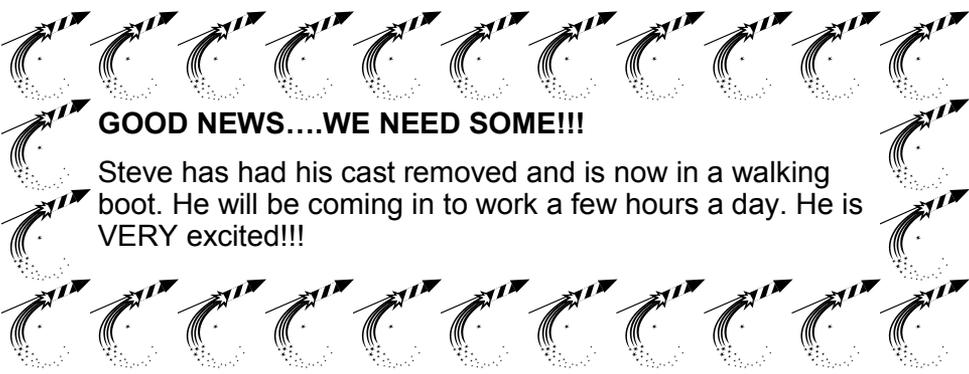
My reasoning is that our first priority as disciples of Jesus Christ is to protect those who are most vulnerable, which includes the elderly, the very young, and those with underlying health conditions. Even though we all want to return to our churches and be a part of the body of Christ in person, I believe that it is more important to assure the safety of our communities from further infections.

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



Now more than ever during this quarantine, 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!

We still need a representative from First United Methodist Church for the Good Neighbor board and for Story County Ecumenical Housing board. I am not sure how this person was elected in the past or if it was a volunteer position. I will need to get that information from Steve Hanlin since he was the last person to hold that position.

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GOOD NEWS....WE NEED SOME!!!

Steve has had his cast removed and is now in a walking boot. He will be coming in to work a few hours a day. He is VERY excited!!!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IS MAY 7

In years past, we would check the local papers to see what's being planned to commemorate this day, stopped by the church's sanctuary or chapel to pray, taken a walk out in nature and said a prayer!

This year's plans may have to be altered, but the bottom line is still the same....wherever you are and whatever you do this day, stop and pray!

NEW CHURCH HOURS OF OPERATION

The office will close at noon on Fridays. The outer doors to the entryway will be open during office hours until further notice.

Stewardship Thought --

All Christians are but God's stewards. Everything we have is on loan from the Lord, entrusted to us for a while to use in serving Him. --

John MacArthur, American Pastor



Mission Team is still collecting food and or checks made out to MICA. The cart will be in the entry way and delivered when full. Thank all of you for your generous donations for those who are really hurting for food at this time.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Keep sending in your prayer requests to Deb or Pastor Nikki. Marge Bourne and Joan Hanson have started praying weekly together by phone. The Prayer Ministry has now gone on for over a year. Praying for our members and friends of 1st UMC Ames has been an honor and blessing.

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>.

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