

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave. 515-232-2750
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Online at 8:30 August 2, 2020
Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop and Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” William B. Bradbury
(Arr: Ron & Linda Sprunger)

“Blessed Assurance” William B. Bradbury
(Arr: Ron & Linda Sprunger)

“Jesus Is All the World to Me” William B. Bradbury
(Arr: Ron & Linda Sprunger)

Piano/Organ Duets: Barb Mittman/Myrna Cakerice

WELCOME (Video) Juanita Dunn

GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 13 and Psalm 23)

O LORD, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way?

The LORD is my shepherd; I have everything I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day?

He restores my soul. He guides me along paths of righteousness for the sake of his good name.

How long will my enemy have the upper hand? Turn and answer me, O LORD my God! Restore the sight to my eyes, or I will die.

Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.

Don't let my enemies gloat, saying, "We have defeated him!" Don't let them rejoice at my downfall.

You prepare a feast for me right in front of my enemies. You welcome me as a guest, anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.

But I trust in your unfailing love. I will rejoice because you have rescued me. I will sing to the LORD because he has been so good to me.

Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever.

HYMN

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

HymnCharts

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, a cloud of grief hangs heavy over our heads, so give us the strength to pray. We raise our hands toward the sky and lift our eyes to the hills which is where help comes from. Our hope is in you, God. Deliver us from all our fears. Answer when we call to you. Give us relief from our distress; be merciful and hear our prayer. In our exasperation and anxiety do not let us lose hope; when we have quiet times in the day, let us search our hearts and be silent. Help us to live our lives sacrificially and to trust in the Lord. In the name of the one who came that we might have life and have life more abundantly. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

VIDEO: To Our Guests (Carrie Copley & Kris Hinders)

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Psalm 102:1-2, 12-17

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nicole Smith

ANTHEM

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Tom Fettke(Arr: Tim Conyers)
Piano Solo: Barb Mittman

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 1:4-11

WITNESS TO THE WORD

"Lament, Discernment, & Call: The Foundation for Reform"

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:

- 1) What is one place in Ames that you miss going to?
(Video to be supplied by Pastor Nikki -
Lord I Need You by Matt Maher)

Prayer

Passing the Bread

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" William M. Runyan (Arr: Chris Rice)
Piano Solo: Barb Mittman

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERING VIDEO

Bruce Wright

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. In this hour, we come bringing our treasures—all that we have and all that we are. We come seeking your treasure—treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint. Share with us the treasure of heaven, that we may boldly share it with others. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

HYMN

“He Leadeth Me”

Evensong

CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Traditional English Melody

(Arr: Alice Jordan)

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

Nehemiah: From Shambles to Renewal

August 1st: “Lament, Discernment, & Call: The Foundation for Reform”

Nehemiah 1:1-2:8 (Nikki will focus on a shorter passage)

August 9th: “The Night Ride: Launching Reform”

Nehemiah 2:9-13, 17-20

August 15/16th: “Sabotage and the Status Quo: Fear, Intimidation, & Attack”

Nehemiah 6:1-9

(Outdoor service at Moore Park on Aug 15th, weather permitting)

August 23rd: “Renewal: A Return to Covenant Living”

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-9

August 30th: “The Honeymoon's Over: Reform Again...and Again...”

Nehemiah 13:4-14

September 6th (Labor Day) (Tentatively Confirmation Sunday)

Update from Youth Ministries:

We had some youth approach us to talk about their thoughts about moving the youth forward. I talked with Nikki about this already but I honestly feel that we are now finally starting to inch forward with the youth themselves. I think we have our core group started for starting over purposes. I wasn't sure when and how it would happen-but I think it did. So that's a good thing. We met with this small group this past week and will do so again next week.

Today is the last MS Zoom session for the summer.

We are working on curriculum for the fall.

Thank you!

Kim

Children's Zoom Sunday School resumes today! Be on your Zoom link at 9:45 for our fun Happy Campers session on “Making S'mores” with Mr. Jim and Mrs. Carol Miller! Grab your favorite s'more making ingredients too if you'd like!

Rainbow Garden has LOTS of veggies!

If you're out and about and walking near the corner of 5th and Kellogg, feel free to pick a few of the veggies that are ready. If you don't need them but you want to pick them anyway, you can always drop them off at Food at First. If you want to help water it, please contact Nicole or sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/RainbowGarden2020>

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>.

Audio/Video/Streaming

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Contact Myrna Cakerice (mcakerice@aol.com) if YOU have a music video you would like to share with the congregation.