

First United Methodist Church
516 Kellogg Ave. 515-232-2750
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Online at 8:30 July 5, 2020
Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop and Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

“At the Cross” Arr: Charlie Miller

“Bound for the Promised Land” Arr: Charlie Miller

Piano/Organ Duet: Barb Mittman/Myrna Cakerice

GREETING Sally and Pete Peterson

SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

Explanation of the Love Feast

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Isaiah 49)

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

Here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

Here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown

Here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, ‘God, save us!’ in every situation.

HYMN “This is My Song” First-Plymouth Church Lincoln Nebraska

OPENING PRAYER

God, we confess that we do not always understand Your ways. We are easily discouraged when life takes unexpected turns and our carefully laid plans and dreams come to nothing. We confess that we are quick to give up when things get difficult, and quick to question Your presence and power. Forgive us. Grant us patience to wait for Your good timing. Open our eyes to recognize Your leading in our lives and to listen for Your gentle whisper. And then give us courage to step out in faith and obedience, trusting in Your leading even when we cannot yet see the outcome. We praise You for Your faithful love. Amen.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE
A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Isaiah 43:1, 18-19
Nicole Smith

ANTHEM

“I Want Jesus to Walk With Me”

Arr: Mark Hayes

Piano Solo: Barb Mittman

SECOND SCRIPTURE Genesis 37:1-8, 12, 18-20 Caille Logue
WITNESS TO THE WORD “The Power of the Dream”

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: *Cardboard Testimonies*

- 1) What was your life like before Christ, or if you have always known Christ what was your life like before having a strong relationship with Christ or growing in your faith?
- 2) What is your life like now that you have a stronger relationship with Christ?

(Video to be supplied by Pastor Nikki)

Prayer

Passing the Bread

Love Feast: “Open Our Eyes with Be Thou My Vision”

Arr: Mark Hayes Piano Solo: Barb Mittman

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY “The Love of God” Arr: Carolyn Hamlin

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, use these humble gifts that we bring before You, so that Your church can clothe, feed, and visit those that seek Your comfort and love. Cloak us in Your Spirit, so that we might dream and envision. Help us to stretch out our hands in loving service to others and place in our dreams those who do not know you. Make us vessels of Your love. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story”

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Postlude”

Ruth Perdue

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

WORSHIP FRAME FOR JULY

Eastertide and Beyond, 2020 "The Stories of Genesis"

Resource: Interpretation Commentary, Walter Brueggemann

July 5th through July 19th - Joseph

July 26th: Christmas in July

Joseph

July 5th: "The Power of the Dream" Love Feast Sunday

Preaching: Pastor Nikki

Genesis 37

July 12th: "The Dream-Walker"

Preaching: Pastor Kerrin

Genesis 41

July 19th: "Unleashing the Dream"

Preaching: Pastor Kerrin

Genesis 45

July 26th: "Join us in Celebrating Christmas in July"

This week will be a "rerun" of the December 29, 2019 Chancel Choir Cantata - "Morning Star: Celebrating the Everlasting Light of Christmas".

"Happy Campers" Summer Sunday School – An Intergenerational Opportunity

We want to make Summer Sunday School an Intergenerational opportunity this year! This means ALL of you get to be a part of it by making one of the videos to be shared each Sunday with the children and families. You can sign up for the scripture reading and lesson connection part (already written!) OR the object lesson video part OR you can sign up for BOTH!

Once you sign up, Nicole will send you the information you need for your video. Be sure to send your video(s) to Nicole at nicole@fumcames.org by NOON on Friday before the scheduled Sunday. If you need help with recording or have any questions about it, be sure to contact Nicole.

Sign up to be a part of Happy Campers here:
<https://tinyurl.com/SummerSundaySchool2020>

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

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.

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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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