

First United Methodist Church
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Online at 8:30 August 16, 2020
Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop and

OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE

"Great God of Nations" Dimitri S. Bortniansky (arr: Ron Boud)
"Serve the Lord with Gladness" B.B. McKinney (arr: Ron Boud)
"O For a Heart to Praise My God"
Thomas Haweis (Arr: Dennis R. Johnson)

WELCOME (Video) Jayne Hutchcroft (from Costa Rica!)

GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

The Lord says, "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth!"

The God of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
Christian Hymns Playlist

OPENING PRAYER – A Prayer of John Wesley, alt.

Fix thou our steps, O Lord, that we might stagger not at the uneven motions of the world, but steadily go on, neither censuring our journey by the weather we meet with, nor turning out of the way for anything that befalls us. The winds are often rough, and our own weight presses us downwards. Reach forth, O Lord, thy saving hand, and speedily deliver us. Teach us, O Lord, to use this transitory life as pilgrims returning for their beloved home; that we may take what our journey requires, and not think of settling in a foreign country. Amen.

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

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST SCRIPTURE Matthew 26:14-16, 20-25 Karen Fowser
A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN Nicole Smith
ANTHEM "Peace Be Still" Andrew Holt, Hope Darst, Mia Fieldes
Libby Gens, soloist

SECOND SCRIPTURE Nehemiah 6:1-9
WITNESS TO THE WORD
"Sabotage & the Status Quo: Fear, Intimidation & Attack"
HYMN OF RESPONSE "Abide with Me"

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
OFFERTORY VIDEO Bruce Wight
TIME OF PRAYER & REFLECTION Myrna Cakerice
OFFERTORY RESPONSE
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept, O Lord, these offerings Your people are making to You today. We ask that the work for which these gifts are used will prosper under Your guidance and in partnership with You, to Your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (adapted, #755, 1966 Methodist Hymnal)

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
HYMN "My Hope is in You" Aaron Shust

CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE
"How Majestic Is Your Name"
Michael W. Smith (arr: Lyndell Leatherman)

LEAVING FOR SERVICE



Nehemiah: From Shambles to Renewal

August 15/16th: Nehemiah 6:1-9

“Sabotage and the Status Quo: Fear, Intimidation, & Attack”
(Outdoor service at Moore Park on Aug 15th, weather permitting)

August 23rd: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-9

“Renewal: A Return to Covenant Living”

August 30th: Nehemiah 13:4-14

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

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



CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS

Children will continue with their "Happy Campers" lesson during Zoom Sunday school at 9:45a.m. as they will be "Telling Stories Around the Fire." Families can check email for the Zoom meeting link.

During worship, continue to learn more about Nehemiah and his story as you complete the Nehemiah activity pages you received in your Friday email.

Be looking for more information about our special Back to School Blessing weekend including a parade and blessing! Back to School Blessing weekend will be next weekend, August 21-23.

Youth Ministries Team meeting is at:
7pm via Zoom on the 18th

Safe Sanctuary Training for leaders on the 16th 3:00-4:00pm, followed by a Leader Training from 4:00-5:00...If you took Safe Sanctuary training in 2018, 2019, or Spring of this year then you do not need to take the full training and only need to participate in the re-fresher course that will take place at the beginning of the youth leader training portion. Please let Nicole know if you will take the Safe Sanctuary Training. Her email is: nicole@fumcames.org. If you are a Youth Leader please let Kim Heidemann know if you will participate in the Youth Leader Training. Her email is: kim@fumcames.org. If you are a youth leader and cannot attend the training on the 16th, then please plan to attend the next training on the 19th. (Safe Sanctuary from 6:30-7:30 with Youth Leader Training from 7:30-8:30)



Donna and Dale Messenger will celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary Friday Aug. 28.

They live at Northridge Village

3300 George W Carver Ave. Apt 143.

Donna is in the care center and Dale in assisted living. They want to share this day with all their friends. Notes and cards only, please.

Thank you for the prayers while Judy has been hospitalized. Another chest X-ray showed that pneumonia is cleared but she is being treated for fluid on her lungs.

We would appreciate continued prayers when she returns to the Heartwood House.

Dean Sampson

Thank You!



Please pray for our nephew Tim who tested positive on Monday. His wife is positive also now. They have 2 children, 9th and 4th grade. They are in the Nashville area.

Thank you,
Lee and Cathy



Cover Your City In Prayer!
Prayer-a-Thon
August 16-22

We invite you to join us in a 7-day event to Cover Our City in Prayer, also known as Prayer-a-Thon! A marathon in 26.2 miles and the average time to walk a marathon is between 8-9 hours, so it seems meaningful to dedicate an hour each day for 7 days to pray for our community! You can choose to walk and pray for an hour around or near what we pray for that day or dedicate an hour of your day in prayer. We are not meeting together as a group, but all participating with our families individually. Share your stories and pictures!

Sunday, August 16 - Pray for Places of Worship

Monday, August 17 - Pray for your neighborhoods

Tuesday, August 18 - Pray for our public safety servants

Wednesday, August 19 - Pray for our long term care facilities, hospitals and clinics

Thursday, August 20 - Pray for our business communities and the owners and workers

Friday, August 21 - Pray for our schools, teachers, administrators, workers, students and parents

Saturday, August 22 - Pray for the vulnerable and those that serve our vulnerable neighbors

Make sure to follow Cover Your City in Prayer, on FB so you can post pictures and share your experiences with everyone!

Thanks,
Sunday Life Group



Text Giving to Ames First UMC



Give any amount to Ames First UMC using your smart phone to text a contribution.

1. Text **firstames budget** and the dollar amount to **73256** on your smartphone.
2. Once the text is sent, you will receive a confirmation message.
3. Click the link in the confirmation message to access the payment form.
4. Complete the payment form and verify the amount and fund.

After you set up your payment form the first time, you won't need to do that step again.

STORM RECOVERY

Hopefully everyone has recovered from Monday's derecho! Who had even heard of a derecho!!! Not me!

If you still have clean up work that you could use help with, please contact the office and we will try to arrange something for you.

Keep your chin up and be thankful that it wasn't any worse. There will always be someone that was probably hit harder.

Prayers for better days ahead!



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.

Audio/Video/Streaming

Marty Sankey

Mike Evans

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

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>.

