

**First United Methodist Church**  
**516 Kellogg Ave. 515-232-2750**  
**www.fumcomes.org**  
**Online at 8:30 August 23, 2020**  
**Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop and**

### **OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE**

"Deep River" Traditional African-American Spiritual Marianne Kim  
"Song of Hope" Marianne Kim  
"Joy, Love, and Peace" Marianne Kim

**WELCOME** (Video) Ruth DeBoer and Joanne Van Dyke

### **GREETING, SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE**

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 85)

Restore us again, O God of our salvation.

**Revive us again, so that we, Your people, may rejoice in You!**

Let us hear what the God the Lord will speak.

**The Lord will speak peace to God's people, to His faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.**

**HYMN** "Revive Us Again" Phil Wickham

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. Revive the community of Your people from cowardly surrender to the world. Renew our hearts so that we do not render unto Caesar what belongs to You. Return the focus of our minds to Your eternal gospel, as we find ourselves in the midst of chaotic times. We pray for the unity of Your Church, and for the building of fellowship across embittered lines of race and nation, political divides and tribal thinking, belief and practice. We dedicate our lives once again to You, promising to grow in grace, build in love, enlarge in service, and increase in wisdom, faith, and charity; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

(Harry Emerson Fosdick, with edits)

### **SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD SIGHTINGS**

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE** Psalm 122 Connie Tilroe

**A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN  
ANTHEM**

“If We Truly Believe”  
Chancel Choir Acc: Barb Mittman

Nicole Smith  
Don Besig

**SECOND SCRIPTURE  
WITNESS TO THE WORD  
HYMN OF RESPONSE**

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, Oh God”

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-9

“Renewal: A Return to Covenant Living”

Keith Green

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**

**OFFERTORY VIDEO**

**TIME OF PRAYER & REFLECTION**

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Bruce Wight  
Myrna Cakerice

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**Almighty God, You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Teach us to give to You all that we have and all that we are, so that we may praise You with more than just our lips. We seek to praise You with our whole lives, turning the duties, the sorrows, and the joys of all our days into a living sacrifice to You; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(adap.,, Book of Worship #555)

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

**DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

**HYMN**

“For the Healing of the Nations”  
First UMC, Downtown, Houston, Texas

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE**

“Go Your Way with Rejoicing”

Douglas E. Wagner

**LEAVING FOR SERVICE**

**Nehemiah: From Shambles to Renewal**

**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)

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>.

# CHILDREN AND YOUTH NEWS



Children's Zoom Sunday school will wrap up their "Happy Campers" summer sessions this Sunday with "Putting Out the Campfire" as they learn about the Holy Spirit from the story of Acts 2. The campfire may be put out, but the fire continues in each and every one of us! Families can check email for the link. Children's Sunday school will then take a break until Rally Sunday on September 13.

Today during Children's Time, we will have a special Back to School Blessing. This is for students of ALL ages, teachers, administrators, school staff, and school volunteers. Please bring your "tools of the trade" to your at home worship space and take part in our special blessing for all of you!



## **YOUTH....**

Rally Sunday is September 13 and that will be the first day that the High School meets. For at least the first month, the High School and Middle School will meet weekly. The High School will meet at 10:30 on Sunday mornings and the Middle School will meet on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Contact Kim - [kim@fumcames.org](mailto:kim@fumcames.org) if you have questions.

## Text Giving to Ames First UMC



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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.

## 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.**