

**First United Methodist Church**  
**516 Kellogg Ave. 515-232-2750**  
**www.fumcomes.org**  
**Online at 8:30 August 9, 2020**  
**Rev. Dr. Kerrin Kirkpatrick and Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop and**

**OPENING VOLUNTARIES---PRELUDE**

“Lead, Kindly Light”

Arr: Darwin Wolford

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

Arr: Dennis R. Johnson

“In the Presence of Jehovah”

Arr: Lyndell Leatherman

**WELCOME** (Video)

Tim & Ann Thomas

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

**PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Philippians 2:1-5)

If, then, there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make our Lord's joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

**We are to do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than ourselves.**

Let us look not to our own interests, but to the interests of others.

**Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus!**

**SONG**

“God Is on the Move”

7eventh Time Down

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, as You anointed leaders like Nehemiah to rebuild Jerusalem's wall and call Your people to renewal, help us to recognize those among us who are Your authentic leaders and prophets; men and women who love You deeply and also love Your people, who can walk with us, feel our pain and share our joys, who dream our dreams and strive to accompany us to the common goal You have set before us. In the fire of Your Spirit, embolden and empower us together, that as we serve and follow You, this church community, and each person within it, will be transformed. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in Your image, that You may be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE**  
**A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN**  
**ANTHEM**

Ezekiel 37:1-7, 11-14  
Nicole Smith  
"Go Light Your World" (Candle Song)  
Lee & Cathy Webb & Union Park UMC Church Choir

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

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

Nehemiah 2:9-13, 17- 20  
"The Night Ride: Launching Reform"  
"O Spirit of the Living God"  
Audrey Assad

**OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS**  
**OFFERTORY VIDEO**

**TIME OF PRAYER & REFLECTION**  
**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Myrna Cakerice

"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 the offerings of Your people, given in many ways and forms. In Your mercy and love, remember those who have given of themselves for Your sake, and those who will benefit, to Your glory. We ask that the offerings of those present today 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**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"  
Grosse Point (Michigan) Memorial Church

**CLOSING VOLUNTARY---POSTLUDE**  
"Be Strong in the Lord"

Arr: Ross Bond

**LEAVING FOR SERVICE**



## Nehemiah: From Shambles to Renewal

**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)

### YOUTH NEWS

For all adults that work with youth programs or youth directly, we need you to be involved in one of the two trainings. You can choose to attend either of the following dates/trainings:

Aug. 16th 3-4pm Safe Sanctuary

4-5pm Youth Leader Training

**OR**

Aug. 19th 6:30-7:30pm Safe Sanctuary Training

7:30-8:30pm Youth Leader Training

We do ask that all youth leaders attend one of the youth leader training sessions. If you have already gone through safe sanctuary training you do not need to go through it again.

If you need to attend Safe Sanctuary Training, please contact Nicole at [nicole@fumcames.org](mailto:nicole@fumcames.org). If you are a youth leader, please contact Kim at [kim@fumcames.org](mailto:kim@fumcames.org) and let her know which youth leader training you will attend.

**Today, the children** will have some fun singing songs around a virtual campfire as they continue their "Happy Campers" Summer Sunday school sessions. These songs will be some they may know already and some new ones that we will sing more this fall. The group will meet on Zoom at 9:45a.m. If you'd like to join us and didn't receive the email with the link, please contact Nicole at [nicole@fumcames.org](mailto:nicole@fumcames.org)

During worship, you can continue learning more about Nehemiah by completing the activity pages you got in your Friday email.

Safe Sanctuary and Teacher Training will be held two different times using Zoom. August 16 from 3:00-5:00p.m. and August 19 from 6:30-8:30p.m. will be the two times. During the first hour of each, we will have Safe Sanctuary Training for those who have not taken part in the 2018 or 2019 Safe Sanctuary Training. The second hour of each training will be for all teachers and additional adults helping in classrooms (online and in-person for 2020-2021). If you are going to be a teacher or additional adult in any class (children, youth, and adults) online or in person you need to take part in ONE of the two training times. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole.

## 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](mailto: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>.

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