



AMES FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*To make disciples of Jesus,
who serve beyond the walls.*

10:00 AM Sunday

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 19, 2025

PRELUDE

Ilene Riitano

Bach, J. S. (1685 - 1750) - Little Prelude in B flat BWV 560

GREETING

SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Colossians 3:8-17)

Let us put away falsehood and speak the truth

Above all, let us clothe ourselves with love

Put away all bitterness and wrath, anger and bickering, slander and malice

Above all, let us clothe ourselves with love

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly

Above all, let us clothe ourselves with love

Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus

Above all, let us clothe ourselves with love

*HYMN

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

147, UMH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

881, UMH

*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory Be to the Father"

70, UMH

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER w/ The Lord's Prayer

HYMN

"The Gift of Love"

408, UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

Nancy Eischen

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

Nicole Smith

ANTHEM
Bracket, Joseph (1797-1882) - "Simple Gifts," arr. Mark Hayes
Marian Andersen

SECOND SCRIPTURE
Matthew 25:34-40

SERMON
"Work"
Rev. Amanda Gordon

HOW TO LIVE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE LOVE:
Blessing of Ingathering Kits
Stewardship Video by Joe Wilson

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE
"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
95, UMH

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CLOSING HYMN
"Whatever You Do"
3128, W&S

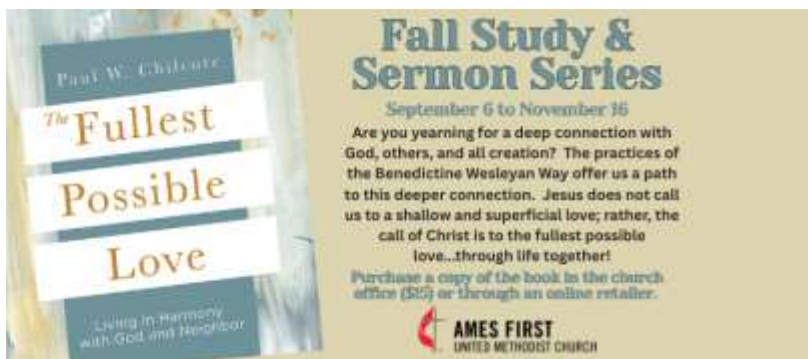
CLOSING VOLUNTARY
Bach, J. S. (1685 - 1750) - Little Fugue in B flat BWV 560
Ilene Riitano

LEAVING FOR SERVICE
*Please stand in body or spirit



Worship through Giving

1. Gifts may be dropped in the box located on the wall as you exit the Sanctuary
2. Scan the QR code to give online
3. Text "Firststimes Budget" to 73256 and follow the prompts



Our Annual Charge Conference is TODAY at 2:00pm. Ames First is hosting with other area UM Churches in the MPR. UWF will provide and serve refreshments.

Our All Saints Recognition will be during worship on November 1 & 2. We will light a candle and have a special time of remembrance for those members who passed away between Oct. 1, 2024 and Sept. 30, 2025.

UCC (across the street!) will host their 2025 Theologian-In-Residence, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, this upcoming weekend, Oct. 23-26. Visit amesucc.org for additional information and the full schedule. This is a free event.

From SPRC: Please honor our pastors in the month of October for **Pastor Appreciation Month!** Remember them with a card or act of kindness.



Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 19

8:50am Coffee Talk Class/CR
9:00am Children and Youth Sunday
School/classrooms
9:15am Coffee and Conversation/FH
10:00am Sunday Service/Sanc
11:15am Faith & Reason/MPR
11:15am Up with Puppets/Puppet Room
11:15am Young Adults/CR
2:00pm Charge Conference

Monday, October 20

1:30pm Naomi's Friends/ FH
5:30pm Foundation Meeting/ Zoom Only
Today

Tuesday, October 21

9:30am Quilters/QR
10:00am Staff Meeting/CR
2:00pm Life Group/CR
6:00pm Welcome Team/CR

Wednesday, October 22

10:00am Wonderful Wednesday
Women/CR
11:15am UWF Leadership/CR
5:30pm Disciple Fast Track/MPR and
Zoom
6:15pm Bell Choir/BC
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

Thursday, October 23

5:30pm Food at First

Friday, October 24

10:00am UWF Book Group/Library
2:00pm Celebration of Life for Tom Bray-
ton/Sanc FH

Saturday, October 18

5:30pm Saturday Night Service/Chapel

+Weekly: Scouts, Golden Kiwanis, AA

+Abbreviations for Room Names:
CR-Conference Rm / FH - Fellowship
Hall / HSR - High School Rm / MPR -
Multi Purpose Rm / Sanc - Sanctuary / QR
- Quilt Rm / HL - History Library

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Amanda Gordon, Senior Pastor
Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop, Associate Pastor
Nicole Smith, Christian Education Director
Ilene Riitano, Organist and Music Director
Julie Minot, Office Manager
Vivian Severson, Office Assistant
Reid Cummer, Business Manager
Kris Hinders, Digital Coordinator
James Minot, Maintenance Custodian
Matt Woodworth, Part-time Custodian

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9:00 - 4:00 / Friday 9:00 - 1:00

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Audio/Video/Streaming Volunteers

Marty Sankey Mike Evans Pete Peterson

Greeters

10/19 Cheryl Weesner
Margaret Torrie

10/26 Nancy Tamashunas
Diana Schwendinger

Today's Song Leader: Nick Brincks

If you are visiting with us today, thank you! We are glad you are here! Please stop by the Welcome Center (2nd floor by the elevator) as you leave to get a Welcome bag. There are cards to fill out if you would like more information or would like someone to contact you.