AMES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

5:30 PM Saturday **Nineteenth Week after Pentecost** **October 3, 2026**

GATHERING MUSIC Ilene Riitano

"Lamb of God" - Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson

GREETING
SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE
*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP FOR WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
Leader: We gather to worship, celebrating the boundless love of our Lord Jesus Christ,
People: Who shines as the radiance of God's glory.
Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, we lift our voices in praise.
People: God reigns over all the earth.
Leader: We join with Christians from every corner of the globe,
People: We unite in worship, giving thanks for the gift of Jesus by celebrating the bread and cup he shared.

*HYMN	"One Bread, One Body"	620, UMH
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	881, UMH
*GLORIA PATRI	"Glory Be to the Father"	70, UMH

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS
PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER **Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

MEDITATION MUSIC Ilene Riitano

"The Gift of Love" - English Melody, Hal H. Hopson, arr. John Carter

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:6-9

SERMON "Our Posture Toward God" Rev. Amanda Gordon

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Come and Find the Quiet Center" 2128, TFWS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen

REFLECTION ON PRAYERFUL GIVING Ellen Johnsen

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

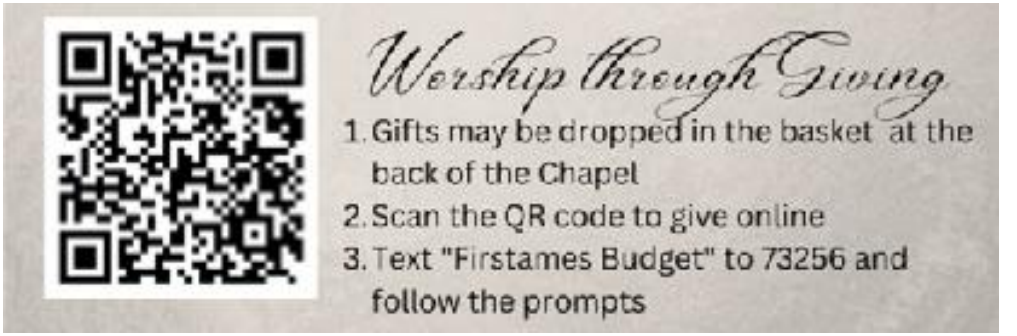
*CLOSING HYMN "Christ Beside Me" 2166, TFWS

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SENDING FORTH Ilene Riitano

"We Are Marching to Zion" - Robert Lowry, arr. Marilyn Ham

LEAVING FOR SERVICE *Please stand in body or spirit



World Communion Sunday on Oct. 4:

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One of six churchwide Special Sundays designated to support ministries and causes important to the entire United Methodist Church. 50% of donation funds scholarships for undergraduate or graduate students of color pursuing ministry; 35% of your donation funds training grants for worldwide inclusion, diversity, equity and access; 15% of your donation funds leadership development grants in partner churches. To donate: write a check to First United Methodist Church and write World Communion Sunday on the memo line, or use one of the World Communion envelopes for a cash donation.

We're making **casseroles for Romero House** on October 10 at 4 pm! Everyone is invited to help with this fun and impactful activity!

On Sunday October 11, Ames First UMC Families and Youth are encouraged to join the **CROP Hunger Walk**. Be at Ada Hayden in North Ames between 1:00p.m. - 1:15p.m. for check in. The walk begins at 1:30pm. For ANYONE taking part in this year's CROP Walk, please go to https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/amesia teams and click Join a Team, then search for First UMC Ames as the team name. Click Join the Team to register and set up your donation page to share with family and friends!

UWF Fall Fair will be held Saturday, October 17 from 9:30am to 1:30pm. You will find Tea Rings, Noodles, Pies, Bake Shop, and hand made treasures. There will be morning coffee and a light soup lunch from 11:30-1:00 (free will offering)

Sunday October 18 will be the **Consecration of the new Organ** during Worship

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 4
8:50am Coffee Talk Class/CR
9:00am Youth/Children Sunday School/ classrooms
9:15am Coffee and Conversation/FH
10:00am Sunday Service/Sanc
11:15am Faith & Reason Class/MPR
11:15am Up With Puppets/Puppet Room

Monday, October 5
6:00pm Chess/FH
6:00pm Worship Committee/CR

Tuesday, October 6
9:30am Quilters/QR
10:00am Staff Meeting/CR
12:30pm Hosting at Romero House
1:00pm History Committee/HL
2:00pm Life Group/Library
5:30pm SPRC/CR
6:30pm Young Adult Dinner/Hinders

Wednesday, October 7
7:00am Pies/Kitchen
10:00am Wonderful Wednesday Women/CR
5:30pm Disciple1 & 2/MPR and CR
6:15pm Bells Choir/Bell Room
6:30pm AA/FH
7:15pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

Thursday, October 8
1:30pm UWF Ruth/Sarah Circle, MPR
7:00pm Silver Anniversary/MPR & Zoom

Saturday, October 10
10:00am Prayer Shawls/Main Entrance
4:00pm Casserole Making for Romero House/FH
5:30pm Saturday Night Service/Chapel

+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
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Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop, Associate Pastor
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon-Thurs 9:00 - 4:00 / Friday 9:00 - 1:00

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If you are visiting with us today, thank you! We are glad you are here! Please pick up a Welcome bag before you leave. There are cards to fill out if you would like more information or would like someone to contact you. You are also welcome to attend the next Coffee with the Pastors on Oct. 18 at 11:15am.