



AMES FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

10:00 AM Sunday

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026

PRELUDE

Ilene Riitano

"Great Is The Lord" - Michael W. Smith and Deborah D. Smith, arr. Mark Hayes

GREETING

SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*HYMN

"Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"

2234, UMH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

881, UMH

*GLORIA PATRI

"Glory Be to the Father"

70, UMH

SMALLING FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" v. 1-3, 6

117, UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Steve Hanlin

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nicole Smith

ANTHEM

Ilene Riitano

"Here I Am Lord" - Daniel L. Schutte, arr. Jack Schrader

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Matthew 18:15-20

SERMON

"Conflict"

Rev. Amanda Gordon

HYMN OF PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

"All Who Hunger"

2126, TFWS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION A Service of Word and Table II p. 12-15, UMH

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

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CLOSING HYMN "The Gift of Love" 408, UMH

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Ilene Riitano

"All Creatures of Our God and King" - Music from *Geistliche Kirchengesang*,
arr. Phillip Keveren

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

JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM

Rather than being nominated, our ministry teams are now "open." This means that anyone can volunteer to serve, whether you are a church member or regular attendee. This is a great way to share your gifts, serve God, and get to know others at Ames First UMC! Sign-up sheets and more information can be found on the table by the church office.

CFIM--Children, Family, & Intergenerational Ministry

Welcome Team

Missions & Outreach

Worship

Memorials & Gifts

Member Care

History & Records

Disciple I and II have enough participants, and classes begin this Wednesday, September 9 at 5:30pm. Disciple I will meet in the Multipurpose Room and Disciple II will meet in the Conference Room. You should have gotten an email this past week from your leader with Zoom information; please contact the office if you did not. Study Manuals will be distributed on Wednesday. If you can help cover the cost of the manual, it is \$30 (optional). Because of the nature of this study, it is not one that you can join mid-year. If you didn't sign up and are still interested, please talk to Pastor Amanda or email amanda@amesfirstumc.org.

Fall Sermon Series

SEPTEMBER 19 - NOVEMBER 22

An invitation to consider a new perspective on life and prayer, one that counters the just-get-on-with-it, make-something-happen impulse of our culture.

BOOKS ARE \$15 IN THE OFFICE.

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2026

THE WAY OF PRAYERFUL LIVING

everyday contemplative

L. ROGER OWENS

It's Almost Time to Resume Sunday School & Puppets

Sunday, September 13: Adult Classes Resume. Coffee Talk at 8:50am and Faith & Reason at 11:15am.

Sunday, September 20: Children and Youth Sunday School Classes resume at 9:00am.

Sunday, September 20: Puppets resume at 11:15am.

Talk to Nicole Smith, Christian Education Director, if you have questions or need guidance in finding a group to join!

United Women in Faith

Thank you to everyone who joined us on August 30 to make casseroles for Romero House! We made 11 casseroles and three desserts! Mat makers were also busy on Sunday making progress on their newest mat. David Thielen, Romero House Director, sent this message: "Thank you to all of you for your delicious meals. Let the team know how grateful we are." It's wonderful to see our church making a difference in the community!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, September 6

9:15am Coffee and Conversation/FH
10:00am Sunday Service/Sanc

Monday, September 7

Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 8

9:30am Quilters/QR
2:00pm Life Group/Library
3:15pm Member Care/CR
3:30pm Finance Realm Steering/FH
6:30pm Missions/CR

Wednesday, September 9

7:30am Pies/Kitchen
10:00am Mat Makers/FH
5:30pm Disciples Class/MPR and CR
6:15pm Bells Choir/Bell Room
6:30pm AA/FH
7:15pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

Thursday, September 10

12:00pm UWF Noon Potluck/FH
7:00pm Silver Anniversary/MPR and Zoom

Saturday, September 12

10:00am Prayer Shawls/Main Entrance
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

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Audio/Video/Streaming Volunteers

Marty Sankey Mike Evans Pete Peterson

Greeters: Becky Jordan, Karen Kerper,
Steve Hanlin

Song Leader: Nicole Smith

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. You are also welcome to attend the next Coffee with the Pastors on Oct. 18 at 11:15am.