

Words of Welcome and Greetings of Peace

Prayers of the People

Silent Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6: 7-15 (CEB)

“When you pray, don’t pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they’ll be heard. Don’t be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask. Pray like this: Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it’s done in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. And don’t lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. “If you forgive others their sins, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don’t forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your sins.

Sermon

"What Do We Need?"

-Pastor Nathan

Service of Holy Communion

You will receive the elements on your way in, and we will celebrate them in our worship units here. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at this table.

Commissioning

(We share the church's actions in the world)

***Benediction**

Postlude

You are a valued part of the family of God just as you are. We at Ankeny United Church of Christ celebrate the diversity our Creator has given all people. Our community is incomplete and broken when our siblings in Christ are excluded because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, physical ability, mental ability, race, age, nationality, faith background, relationship status, family structure, economic situation, or any of the numerous other aspects of identity that make us each who we are. Your differences make you unique and should be celebrated in God's family. You are wonderfully and purposefully made in the image of our Creator, and you have a place here in fellowship with other members of God's Church. This is a place where you can praise, question, worship, laugh, mourn, doubt, wonder, celebrate, and otherwise live as part of a community with other people seeking God and loving their neighbors. We the members of Ankeny UCC promise to affirm your worth as an individual and your place in our community. You are joyously welcomed to join us just as you are.

Church Activities:

Our full calendar is online at <http://www.ankenyucc.org/ankeny-ucc-google-calendar>

Sunday

10.30 am Worship

Monday

7.15 pm Trustees Meeting

9.30 am Sunday School

10.30 am Worship

11:30 am Zoom Fellowship



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Sunday



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Exploring Progressive Christian Theology:

Be a Blessing with LGBTQ Resources and 3 Great Loves with the UCC resources:

Click [here](#) to order "God is love" long sleeve, "tree of life" t-shirt, "Be the church" rainbow banner, temporary rainbow comma tattoo,...

Caring Within:

Tell Senators: COVID Relief CANNOT Wait

All summer we've waited for the Senate to take meaningful action on COVID legislation. In May the House passed the HEROES Act that provided for the robust support people across the country need to weather this pandemic and economic crisis. Currently the bill before the Senate is woefully inadequate and does not substantially meet the needs of families and communities. Too many people have experienced loss in this season, and as people of faith we show up to grieve. We also show up to make sure our neighbors have shelter and food, are treated with dignity and humanity, and that each person is able to thrive.

Critical assistance is needed for the upcoming fall and winter and the Senate must respond by passing legislation that will:

- Provide funding for state, local, and tribal governments so they can continue health services, support education, and continue other critical community services;
- Increase Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits, housing and rental assistance;
- Expand federal unemployment benefits and expand funding for those who don't qualify to make sure everyone receives assistance;
- Expand tax credits for low income people and families and send out another direct cash payment that doesn't discriminate on immigration or taxpayer status;
- Provide for emergency funding to protect the election, ensuring a safe, fair, and free election

Many millions around the country are facing extreme hardship, due to the COVID crisis, and compounded by Congressional dithering. Please act now and urge your Senators to pass a robust COVID relief package. [Click here to take action!](#)

Serving Beyond:

From NAMI Greater Des Moines:

We're Fundraising to Change Lives

NAMI Greater Des Moines provides no-cost mental health education, support & advocacy for Central Iowans.

We foster supportive networks & help to keep families together.

We need your support to continue. Here's how you can help:

Make A Donation

\$100 = A One-Hour Community Education Presentation

\$50 = One Support Group Meeting

\$35 = 67 Crisis Cards to Individuals in Need

Donate [here!](#)

Virtual Community Conversation 2.0

When: Tuesday, October 6 from 11:30 AM to 1 PM.

Please register to receive the Zoom conference link to our Virtual Community Conversation 2.0. We will have two speakers from DHS - Director Kelly Garcia and Covid Recovery Resources Director Karen Hyatt. Each will have 45 minutes - at least 30 minutes will be a presentation and any remaining time will be for questions and answers.

Community Conversation events are free to attend and open to the public. Please join us! Click [here](#) to register.