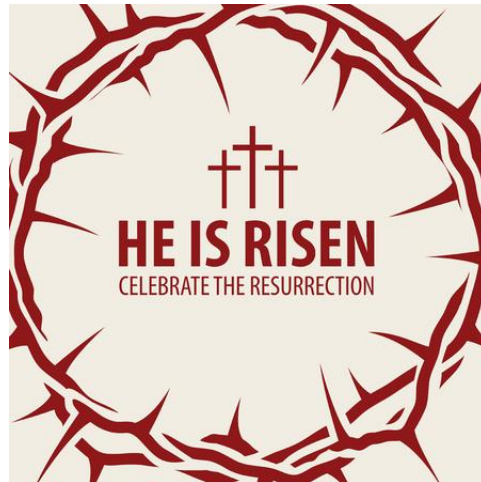


**Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church
323 South Fifth Avenue
West Bend, Wisconsin 53095**

**Sunday, April 14, 2024
9:30am**



“We are a welcoming Christian community where all can experience the saving grace of Jesus Christ. We are growing as Disciples of Christ as we teach, support, and nurture one another in ministry to our community and world.”

**Dorothy Dahlen, Liturgist
Dave Bertelsen, Cantor
Ellen Johnson, Lay Servant
Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Pastor
Rev. Michael Morning, Guest Preacher**

“No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You're Welcome Here”

***Note: L: denotes worship Leader ~ P: denotes People**

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PRELUDE

WELCOME: Pastor: Last week we asked to let the risen Christ meet us, for us to become followers of Christ who have experienced the resurrection. Today we will go further. Let's ask, "Where may we look for the risen Christ today?" And we will find there are challenges when resurrection comes upon us. The question may also be, "Are we up for the challenge?"

—GATHERING GOD’S PEOPLE—

CENTERING MUSIC: Youth Praise Band (Please feel free to sing along with the youth)

- “How Majestic Is Your Name” TFWS 2023
- “As the Deer” TFWS 2025
- “Halle, Halle, Halleluja” TFWS 2026

***GATHERED IN WORSHIP (Psalm 4) (responsively)**

L: Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

P: You set me free when I am hard pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

L: “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;

P: how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

L: Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;

P: when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

L: Tremble, then, and do not sin;

P: speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

L: Offer the appointed sacrifices

P: and put your trust in the Lord.

L: Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”

P: Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

L: You have put gladness in my heart,

P: more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

L: I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;

P: for only you, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

L: We call on your name, O God, for you have offered us the cup of salvation and welcomed us into your family. How can we thank you for the love you have shown us in Jesus Christ? Meet us again in this hour, that we may grow in faith and be responsive to your truth. Fill us with hope, renewing our confidence to face life in faithful trust and obedience. **AMEN.**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (Unison)**

When we consider who you are, O God, we are ashamed. When we ponder all we have neglected, we fall on our faces in horror before you. When we look once more into the face of Christ, we sense the judgment that is our rightful due. Forgive us, God, for forgetting that we are disciples, not spectators. Forgive our silence when you call us to be ambassadors of good news. Forgive our neglect of your children who need the promises you have given. Forgive us, through Christ. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L: God meets us where we are, to turn our lives around. God raised Jesus Christ to assure us of new life. God’s promises are for us and for our children, for those who are near to us and for all who are far away. God calls us into relationships that build up, not destroy. We are forgiven. Praise God!.

***HYMN:**

“The Day of Resurrection”

UMH 303

—WE PROCLAIM—

***Luke 24:36b-48 (NRSVue) (Unison)**

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you— that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

L: The Word of God for the People of God. **P:** Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM **“This Little Light of Mine”** **Dave Bertelsen, Director**

SERMON: **Rev. Michael Morning**

***HYMN** **“Christ Is Risen”** **UMH 307**

PASTORAL PRAYER

—INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS

*** DOXOLOGY (words on screen) “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”**

***OFFERTORY PRAYER (Unison)**

For all your saints, O God, who have guided our lives, for all the ways you have saved us from ourselves, for all the times your love has been poured on us, we give thanks. You have taught us to offer hospitality and to share what you have given. This we do, with joy and gratitude. Receive these tokens of our renewed dedication. Amen.

***HYMN** **“Thine Be the Glory”** **UMH 308**

—SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION—

* L: The risen Christ calls those who seek him to look no farther than the world's wounded, those who have lost hope. Christians have a "hands on" ministry, to lay hands on the suffering in today's world. Wherever those in need are found, the risen Christ is there as well. In touching their wounds, his wounds are also touched. Christ's followers heal, comfort, and show God's love.

P: We go to show them Christ!

***BENEDICTION**

*** POSTLUDE**

**The bulletins are given by Don & Joyce Walters in celebration of Great Granddaughter,
Madison Joyce Vollmer's 6th Birthday on April 17th.**

**The flowers on the altar are to celebrate the wedding anniversary of Bob & Jean Krell who
were married in this church 54 years ago on April 11.**