



**FIFTH AVE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
323 South Fifth Avenue, West Bend WI 53095

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**THE DAY OF PENTECOST ~ MAY 19, 2024**

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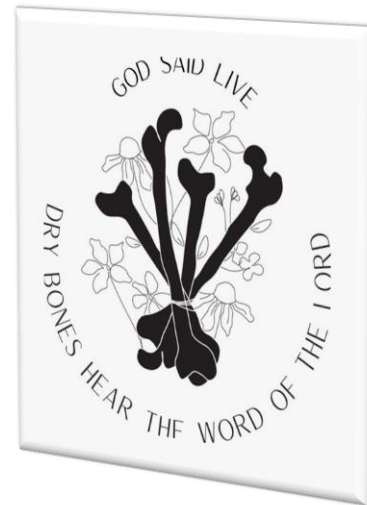
Kelly Louk, Liturgist  
Dave Bertelsen, Congregational Song Leader  
Deanna Gibeau, Accompanist  
Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Senior Pastor

**JOIN US In-Person or Online Sundays @ 9:30 am**

**WELCOME TO FIFTH AVE UMC**

We Are Glad You Are Here! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship. We would love to get to know you and help you get to know us. Join us following worship for Fellowship Hour. There will be yummy refreshments and coffee and lots of *friendly faces*.

**\*Note: L: Denotes "Liturgist"**  
**P: Denotes "People"**  
**\*: Please Stand If You Are Able**



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**~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~**

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**PRELUDE: "O, Come With Me Awhile"**

**by Evelyn Morrison**

**GREETING:**

**Pastor:** It is my great joy to welcome you to church on this Pentecost Sunday! That first Pentecost Sunday happened over 2,000 years ago as the Holy Spirit was poured out on 120 believers who had gathered to receive the promised gift! We gather together to worship and rejoice in the most wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit who brings to birth the Christian Church. Since Jesus' Ascension ten days ago, many in this country and across the world have been praying fervently for a fresh empowering of the Holy Spirit as we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come', waiting for God's power to renew us that we might faithfully witness to Jesus Christ.

**Pastor:** My prayer on this holy day is that each of us may know the empowering presence of God with us so that we may effectively live out this Good News. Therefore, please do raise your voices in song, open your hearts in prayer and receive all that God freely gives. A moment's silence, as we still ourselves in God's presence.

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**~MEDITATION FOR GATHERING~**

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**PRAISE BAND MEDLEY:**

**"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"**

**W&S #3176**

**"Holy Ground"**

**TFWS #2272**

**"Cry of My Heart"**

**TFWS #2165**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

**L:** Come, Holy Spirit, inspire our hearts with your fiery presence! Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action. Energize our lives and let your winds of hope swirl around us.

**P:** We are filled with God's love and blessings as the Holy Spirit descends upon us anew. We are excited, expectant, and hopeful as we come together and worship God. Amen.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**All:** We aren't ready, Lord. It is easier for us to hide in the upper rooms of our lives, to let the world go by and not acknowledge Your presence. But You have challenged us to come alive again with Your love and words of healing mercy. Forgive our hesitant witness and our complacent spirits. Heal our fears and our wounds. Help us to be agents of healing and hope for others. Challenge and inspire us to overcome our feelings of inadequacy and remind us that You have called us beloved and have given us what we need to proclaim Your Good News. Come, Holy Spirit! Rain upon our dry and dusty lives. Wash away our sin and heal our wounded spirits. Kindle within us the fire of Your love to burn away our apathy. With Your warmth bend our rigidity and guide our wandering feet. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:**

**L:** In every breath we take, there is the Spirit; in every word we speak, there is the Spirit; in every heart we touch, there is the Spirit; in every person we welcome, there is the Spirit. I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees. You will be my people, and I will be your God.

**P:** In forgiveness, we are given the words to speak; the courage to reach out to others; the open heart to offer others, the breath of life to share with those around us. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

**\*OPENING HYMN: “O Spirit of the Living God”**

**UMH #539**

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**~WE PROCLAIM~**

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**\*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Ezekiel 37: 1-6**

**L:** Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit, illumine this sacred Scripture. We pray that our minds may be open to receive Your Word, our hearts taught to love it, and our wills strengthened to obey it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **Amen.**

**All:** The hand of the Lord came upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

**L:** The Word of God for the People of God.

**P:** Thanks be to God.

**CHANCEL CHOIR: “Glory Bound”**

**Dave Bertelsen, Director**

**SERMON: “DEM BONES, DEM BONES, DEM DRY BONES.”**

**Pastor Clarissa**

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**~GOD’S RELENTLESS INVITATION~**

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At Pentecost we simply don’t tell a story about how the first disciples received the Holy Spirit. We pray today that we might receive that same power from on high.

**L:** Where our souls are dry and weary, we seek the living water of Your presence;

**All: Come Holy Spirit.**

**L:** Where our hearts are broken and wounded, we seek the healing of the Comforter;

**All: Come Holy Spirit.**

**L:** Where our lives are weak and overwhelmed, we seek the power of your breath;

**All: Come Holy Spirit.**

**L:** Where our witness is unfaithful and unfruitful, we seek the enabling of the advocate;

**All: Come Holy Spirit.**

**L:** Where our faith is cold and stagnant, we seek the fire of your love; come Holy Spirit. Come Holy Spirit, fill us afresh today we ask in the name of Jesus, that we might glorify God.

With those who dance with joy on this day, with those who long for the fresh breath of grace, we sing out songs of praise to you:

**All: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of wind and flame. All creation dances in the Spirit's arms this day. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who is anointed by the Spirit. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Pastor:** In the soft, warm breath of a baby, You come to be one of us in every way. In the gentle invitation to followers, You whisper that all are welcome. In the sobs at the tomb of Lazarus, You echo our grief and loss. In the anguished cry on the cross, You join us on the last journey. In the new life breathed by the Spirit, You show us that death has no power, but love endures forever.

As we gather to celebrate this day, as we remember the gifts Jesus shared, we sing of that faith which is a mystery:

**All: Christ died, his last breath stolen from Him; Christ was raised, the Spirit's breath bringing new life; Christ will come, breathing new grace and hope in our lives.**

Here, where the bread and the cup wait, breathe your Spirit upon these gifts. Here, where the young long for visions, and the old whisper their memories, breathe your Spirit upon us, Holy God. Let us not be content simply to eat the bread but be strengthened by it to blow through the fears among us, knocking them off their feet so they have no power.

Let us not just sip from grace's cup, but be enflamed by its passion for justice, to breathe new life into all who have lost that last bit of hope. And when our journey has ended and we are invited to be with those of every time and from every place, breathe on us, Breath of God, so we may take in great gasps of grace, to forever praise Your name, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen.**

*Invitation to the Table*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: (Unison)**

**All:** Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, may we overflow with thanksgiving for who You are, all You have done, and all You have yet to do. May we remember the taste of this meal in our mouths – how nourishing and sweet it is – in both good and difficult times. With Your breath in our lungs, You have prepared us to be Your witnesses in this world. To You be the glory, Amen.

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### **~PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS~**

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**Pastor:** Lord in your mercy:

**People:** Hear our prayer.

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### **~PASTORAL PRAYER~**

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**Pastor:** Spirit of truth and life, we search for You in this aching world. A world that was created by You and through You. May our eyes see how You delight in Your beautiful and diverse creation. Help us to remember that You find joy in diversity and make things new through differences. Grant us the capacity to respect the beliefs, opinions, and traditions of others. Grant us the tools to build bonds of common understanding that will bridge the divide of hatred. Replace our ignorance for enlightenment. Grant us new insight. Replace our lack of understanding with empathy. Infuse us with a sense of curiosity, instead of fear, when we are met with events we have not experienced ourselves. Heal the wounds that misunderstanding, discrimination, and racism have created. Bless us with your breath of life to awaken our sleeping hearts. May we find our voice to speak up in the face of injustice. May we be united in our common humanity, knowing that we were each made in the image of God.

And now with the confidence of beloved and forgiven children of God, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**All:** 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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~INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES, & OFFERINGS~

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**\*DOXOLOGY:**                    “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”                    UMH #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**All:** These gifts are but the bare bones of who we are, and what we could offer. So, move over them, filling them with muscles, and sinews, and breaths of our lives, so they might become living gifts of hope and grace to others. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**    “Spirit Song”    UMH #347

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~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~

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**L:** Beloved, may God bless you with the strength to love one another as God loves each and every one of you, that you may find the complete, total, and everlasting joy that comes when we abide together with God who is Love. **Amen.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God, your ascended Son sends us into the world to spread the Good News of your Kingdom: inspire and renew us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit come down upon you and remain with you always.

**\*POSTLUDE:**    “Near the Cross”    arrangement by Franklin Ritter

**Please Join Us for Coffee & Fellowship in The Lounge**



## **The Fifth Avenue Family Connection**

**Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church  
323 S Fifth Ave, West Bend, WI 53095**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024**

**Senior Pastor: Rev. Clarissa L. Martinelli**

**Church Phone: (262) 334-2059**

**Email: [church@faumc.org](mailto:church@faumc.org) Website: [www.faumc.org](http://www.faumc.org)**

### **Nursery Care**



Our nursery is staffed during our Worship Service. Nursery is located off hallway downstairs by parking lot entrance. Parents are welcome to drop off their child before the service starts or any time during the service.

### **COMMUNION STEWARD**

#### **Volunteer(s) Needed**

Please stop in, email or call the church office if you are interested  
262-334-2059, [church@faumc.org](mailto:church@faumc.org)



### **Volunteers needed to water the flower containers this summer**

A signup sheet for each month will be posted on the bulletin board.

Volunteers will get a monthly email reminder and will be shown how to fill the hanging planters. Questions? Call Shirley Simmons @ 262-334-9362.



### **Bakeless Cookie Sale in May**

**The United Women in Faith** (formerly UMW), use funds raised throughout the year to support women, children and families. The decision has been made to distribute more of our money locally, while still supporting the efforts of the district and national organization.

If you desire, to further UWIF's mission of helping our neighbors, **Bakeless Cookie Sale** envelopes are available at either entrance.

**Donations can be made anytime during May.** Checks can be made payable to: **United Methodist Women.** Thank you!

## Weekly Schedule

### Sunday, May 19

8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:30 am Worship Service  
10:30 am Fellowship Time

### Monday, May 20

7:00 pm Boy & Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, May 21

9:00 am TOPS Mtg  
1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry  
6:30 pm AA Mtg  
7:00 pm SA Mtg

### Wednesday, May 22

No Meetings

### Thursday, May 23

8:30 am Quilt Club  
7:00 pm AA Mtg

### Friday, May 24

No Meetings

### Saturday, May 25

9:00 am SA Mtg



### Deadline Reminders!

Weekly Bulletin Articles:  
**Noon on Wednesdays**

Monthly Newsletter Articles:  
**15th of Each Month**



### **GATEWAY THEATRE COMPANY**

proudly announces  
auditions for the musical  
GODSPELL revised.

### Auditions will be held:

**Tuesday, May 28th** at the Kewaskum Theatre  
located at 1510 Bilgo Ln & **Wednesday, May  
29th** at Kewaskum American Legion Post  
located at 1538 Fond du Lac Ave.

**Show dates are: July 19, 20, 21**

Seeking 10-14 actors, high school age to  
adult. PREPARE YE... A SONG YOU ARE  
GOOD AT THAT SHOWS US YOUR RANGE.  
THIS CAN BE A SONG FROM THE SHOW BUT  
NEED NOT BE.

Bring your own accompaniment source.  
Android and iPhone Bluetooth available at  
audition.

If you cannot make auditions, Gateway will  
accept videos. Send them to:  
btowell2012@gmail.com



**Pastor Clarissa &  
Ms. Ellen Johnson  
(Lay Servant),  
are available to assist  
you in all times of need.**

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