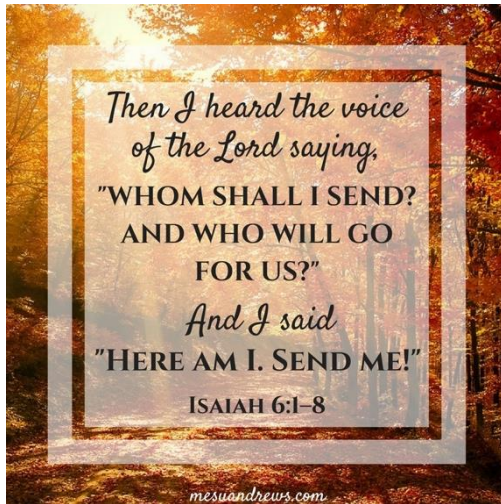




FIFTH AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
323 South Fifth Avenue, West Bend WI 53095

TRINITY SUNDAY ~ MAY 26, 2024



Katie Glaser, Liturgist
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Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Senior Pastor

JOIN US IN-PERSON or ONLINE
Sundays @ 9:30 AM

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

PRELUDE: **"Have Mercy, Lord"** **by J.S. Bach**

GREETING:

Pastor: We are entering the longest season of the Christian Year, the Sundays after Pentecost. On this Trinity Sunday, did you show up to Worship expecting to encounter God? In today's passage, we find prophet Isaiah being scared witless by his encounter with the Glory of God.

The whole encounter begins with Isaiah showing up at the temple. Accordingly, we want to take the time to truly welcome and orient each of you (in-person and online) toward showing up to God's presence in your midst during Worship. We begin by acknowledging all that we bring with us into Worship, the burdens and joys and everything in between. As God gathered people, God's presence is with you even as you have come to be present to God and one another.

Isaiah's vision in the temple also reminds us that encountering God leads to calling. So, as we begin this long season after Pentecost, we extend an open and welcoming invitation to discipleship as you listen for God's calling, to respond, and then to listen for what God is sending you to do.

Welcome to Ordinary Time, a season for inquiry and exploration, for discernment and experimentation, for committing to a life of discipleship, and for discovering how God's all-consuming presence calls, prepares, and empowers us to participate in bringing about the kingdom of God on Earth as it is in Heaven.

~MEDITATION FOR GATHERING~

CENTERING MUSIC: **"Jesus Draw Me Close"** **by Rick Founds**

CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: God, sometimes we show up to Worship ready to encounter Your presence.

P: We know you are always with us.

L: Sometimes we catch glimpses of You at home, work, or school—in a smile, in a gentle breeze, in the joy of being together.

P: We know You are always with us.

L: But God, we hesitate to encounter You in all of Your Glory, afraid to be overwhelmed by Your Love and Holiness.

P: And yet, we know You are always with us in the fullness of Your Glory.

L: Ready our hearts today to encounter more of Your Glory, Your Love, Holiness, and Glory that is always present with us.

All: We come today to enter the dance of the all-consuming presence of the Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER:

All: O Triune God, what an exciting mystery we celebrate today, that you, our God, are Three Persons in one being. Your essence is so awesome, it is beyond our understanding. O Father, you adopted us as your children through the death and resurrection of your Son. O Holy Spirit, you gave us faith in Jesus through explosive power of the Gospel. You testify that we are God's children, and you guarantee our inheritance of eternal glory with Jesus. O holy Trinity, your saving love overwhelms us. Keep us as your own, and each day move us to declare: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty! We ask this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy spirit, one God, through all eternity. Amen

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS:

L: We no longer need to live burdened to our sinful natures. Sin has no claim on us anymore, because through the power of the Holy Spirit, we have put to death our old ways of acting and thinking. We have been given new life as God's own children. So be at peace: your sins are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

***OPENING HYMN:**

"Here I Am, Lord"

UMH 593

~WE PROCLAIM~

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION – Isaiah 6:1-8**

L: O God, your Word is more precious than fine gold, and sweeter than purest honey. As we turn to Your Scripture, send Your Holy Spirit to infuse your Word with truth and grace — so that the Good News of Your love would shine before our eyes and delight our senses ... so that we cannot help but respond. "Here I am Lord, send me". **Amen.**

All: In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty, and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said,

**"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts;
the whole Earth is full of His Glory."**

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said, “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said, “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

“Holy, Holy, Holy Is the Lord”

Pastor Clarissa

~PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS~

Pastor: Lord in your mercy:

People: hear our prayer.

~PASTORAL PRAYER~

Pastor: Creator God, some things never change, and in this case, that’s a good thing. God is still on God’s throne; God is still in charge of our world. God’s steadfast love for us continues. And we are here today on this Trinity Sunday as people of faith have always been, to worship God, to join with all the heavenly beings in their unending cry, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” We are here to humble ourselves, to remind ourselves that we are not in charge of this world. We are here to be encouraged by this, too. And then? We are here to respond, in the same way that Isaiah responded those many years ago, and in the same way that generations have responded throughout the history of our world. “Whom shall I send?” God asks. And we respond, “Here am I; send me!”

Here we are, Lord. To Worship You, to be forgiven our sin, and to serve You. Send us, Lord, into this amazing world of yours, to share Your love and mercy with all.

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.

~INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS, TITHES & OFFERINGS~

***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: Loving God, as we gather, we recall Isaiah's humbling encounter with your overwhelming presence. Like him, we're unworthy yet grateful for glimpsing your glory. In stewardship, may our generosity reflect gratitude for your blessings. Guide us in discipleship, knowing and serving you. With every gift, we express our commitment to follow your call. May we humbly say, "Here am I, send me!" Amen. (Isaiah 6:1-8)

***CLOSING HYMN:** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty” UMH 64

~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~

L: May Creator God breathe on you. May Eternal God sustain you. May God grant you forgiveness. Go into the day knowing your life has been touched by the triune God. You are cleansed by the mercy of God. You are surrounded by the love of Christ. You are filled with the power of the Spirit. Amen

Pastor: Go out and in all of life, worship the Lord. Entrust yourself to the winds of God's Spirit; put to death selfish desires and offer yourself for God's mission in the world. And may God give strength to you and to all who answer, 'here I am Lord, send me. May Christ Jesus bless you with peace and may the Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts, give you assurance that you are God's children. We entered this hallowed place to worship; now renewed, reenergized, reanointed and having seen and witness the grace of God, let us with passion depart to serve.

***POSTLUDE:** “All Glory be to God on High” by Nikolaus Decius

*Bulletins Are Given by Peter & Katie Glaser in Celebration of Their Grandson, Adrian
Santiago's 3rd Birthday on May 24th*

Please Join Us for Fellowship Hour In The Lounge