

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

***DOXOLOGY:** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH
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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: (unison)

God of compassion and mercy, you claim each one of us as your children. Like a
parent, you are joyful when we find joy and your heart aches when we fall, fail, or
feel less than the beloved heirs to the Kingdom you meant us to be. The yoke the
Bible describes doesn't burden us but reminds us that you yearn for us to be a
church, a community, that supports, steadies, and sustains when life makes us
weary. The gifts we give this day we give in gratitude for this yoke that helps us
finish the race in faithfulness. Bless our giving and its use, we pray in Christ's
name. **Amen.** (Matt 11:16-19, 25-30)

***CLOSING HYMN:** “The Trees of the Field” TFWS 2279

~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~

L: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves
you unconditionally. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with
you always. **Amen.**

Pastor: As you go from this place, remember: Christ offers his yoke to you, promising to
come alongside and stick with you no matter where your journey takes you. So when your
week gets hard, when you feel like you are at your wits' end, when the overwhelm is too
much, Christ holds out his yoke to you. Will you take it?

***POSTLUDE:** “Shout to the North” Martin Smith

The bulletins are given by Dave & Polly Bertelsen in celebration of their 23rd wedding
anniversary which was yesterday.

**Please join us for continued Fellowship during our Coffee
Hour.**



**FIFTH AVE. UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



323 South 5th Avenue
West Bend WI 53095

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 9, 2023

Alana Dalton, Liturgist
5th Ave Praise Band
Deanna Gibeau, Organist
Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Senior Pastor

JOIN US IN PERSON OR ONLINE
Sundays, 9:30 A.M.

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVE. UMC
Whether you're just beginning to explore
your faith or have been following Christ
for years, you and your whole family can
belong at Fifth Ave. UMC

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

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

PRELUDE: “Send Us Your Spirit, Lord” Dan Schutte

~WELCOME & CENTERING~

GREETING:

Pastor Clarissa: 847-721-1826; Ms. Ellen Johnson: 262-339-7673;
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CENTERING MUSIC:

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship” (W&S 3176)
“I Love You, Lord” (2x) TFWs 2068
“I’ll Be Somewhere Listening”

*INVOCATION:

L: Holy One, you know us already. Help us to know you better. Let us see you all around us. Fill our worship with your Spirit so that we may recognize your presence in all places. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP:

L: We come to celebrate God’s blessings to us.
P: and we proclaim: Surely God is in this place!
L: We come to open ourselves to God’s guidance and love.
P: and we say: Surely God is in this place!
L: We come to see more clearly God’s presence in our lives.
P: and we cry: Surely God is in this place!
L: We come to see God in community both far and near,
P: and we hold fast to the promise: Surely God is in this place!
L: We come to pray, praise, and offer ourselves to God.
P: and we exclaim: Surely God is in this place! Come, let us worship!
L: In our various places we look to see God with us—alive and at work.
P: Our God is with you!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: (unison)

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit to you the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful.

We confess that we do not follow Jesus in all that we do.
We love with condition.
We judge and condemn.
We cast the first stone and keep the logs in our own eyes.
We do not turn to You as the source of our healing.

Forgive us, we pray. Forgive our sin and empower us to be imitators of Christ in love and service. Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS:

L: Friends in Christ, know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and I remind you of this surpassing grace – in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. All: Alleluia! Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: “Because He Lives” UMH 364

~WE PROCLAIM~

* Matthew 11:27-30~ NRSV (unison)
All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

SERMON: “Living As Christ in This World” Pastor
Clarissa

~PRAYERS & CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE~

Pastor: God of all goodness: People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: In times of weakness and hour of need, yours is the strength by which we carry on, the shoulder we rest our head upon. When our load is heavy and too much to bear, yours are the arms stretched out to help us the grace that we depend on. In times of weakness and hour of need, your voice is heard, ‘Come... find rest.’ This is grace divine, the path we tread to wholeness of body and spirit, the path that leads to you, and for which we offer our offering of praise.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.