

FIFTH AVE. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
323 South 5th Avenue  
West Bend WI 53095

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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
August 27, 2023

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Ellen Johnson, Liturgist  
Deanna Gibeau, Organist  
Rev. Michael Morning, Retired Elder  
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"**

**PRELUDE:**

**"Andantino"**

**Harry Patterson Hopkins**

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~WELCOME ~

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**Pastor:** Sunday School was an important part of every Sunday morning when I was growing up. My brother and I went to children's Sunday School and our parents went to a class for adults. Children, like my brother and me, learn from the example of adults like our parents and our teachers. Children also learn their first Bible stories in Sunday School. And I am sure one of the classics (if you will), is the story of Moses in the bullrushes which is the old fashioned name for it. If you've never heard about the baby Moses being put into a basket and set adrift in the Nile River, don't worry, because you're about to. There's more to the story though. Let's center ourselves as Deanna plays.

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~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

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**CENTERING MUSIC "How Firm a Foundation" Early Amer. Melody/ Phillip Keveren**

**\*GATHERED IN WORSHIP** (Responsively) Psalm 124

**L:** If it had not been the Lord who was on our side— let Israel now say—

**P: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side; when foes rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us;**

**L:** then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us;

**P: then the raging waters would have gone over us.**

**L:** Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

**P: We have escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;**

**L:** the snare is broken, and we have escaped!

**P: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.**

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

**O God, who rescued our spiritual ancestors from their bondage to slavery, deliver us from the sins we confess and the unknown evil we have allowed. We confess we hold inside ourselves hurts and fears and anger. We reject those who come to us seeking safety and freedom, only to find we have closed ourselves off to their experiences of oppression.**

**Forgive us. And more than this, O God, turn us around. Open our hearts. Compel us to act. May we come to see their suffering. May we know their needs. Amen.**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**L:** The Creator of heaven and earth is our helper and will deliver us from the ways of death. We were not made to live in bondage, but are freed to grow in faith and trust. God promises acceptance and forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

**P:** Thanks be to God!

**\*HYMN:**                      **“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”**                      **UMH 122**

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**~WE PROCLAIM~**

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**\*Exodus 1:8-12 (NRSV) (Unison)**

**Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, “Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.” Therefore, they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptian came to dread the Israelites.**

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

**P:** Thanks be to God.

**SERMON:**                      **“Moses”**                      **Rev. Michael Morning**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

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**~AN 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 (Unison)** Your offerings are an expression of our faith, O God. They tell of our thankfulness; they speak of blessings received and cheerfully shared. What a privilege is ours, what riches we possess, to be able to give with joy for the work of your Church! And so we join all the Church in praying:

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)**

**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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN                                      “The God of Abraham Praise”                                      UMH 116**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE:                                      “Classic Trio”                                      Gordon Young**

**The bulletins are given by Tom & Kaonou Latham in celebration of their daughter, Aleah’s, birthday which will be on Aug. 29.**

**The flowers are given by Walter & Joan Teague in celebration of their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary which will be on Aug. 29.**

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**Please join us in the lounge for continued Fellowship.**