

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



**Sunday, March 10, 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.”

**Katie Glaser, Liturgist
Dave Bertelsen, Vocalist
Ellen Johnson, Lay Servant
Reverend Clarissa Martinelli, Pastor**

“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 (Handbells) “Shall We Gather at the River?”
Kathy Schneider, Director**

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Ellen Johnson

In today's world, we have an abundance of “things”. If something wears out or we tire of it, we purchase something else to replace it. We just keep buying more. We have closets

full of clothes and shoes. Much more than we need. Some of us have collections of things. I have a collection of tea pots. Many more than I ever use! Perhaps we should consider collecting more friends? Just a thought.

CENTERING MUSIC

Deanna Gibeau, Organist

***HYMN**

“Pass It On”

UMH 572

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L We are called to love and care for others

P. We call upon God to show us the way

L. Jesus set the example of how to live for others

P. Help us show others they, too, are beloved children of God.

L. Set good examples for children to follow.

P. Let us teach children sharing and caring by example

L. We are all children of God, Let us remember to follow the efforts of Jesus by sharing what we have with others.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Gracious and loving God, you sent us your beloved son to be an example for us on how to live our lives. Please help us to remember to honor all we meet

Let them see by our actions and words how a Christian's should act and react.

AMEN

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers in Christ, this is good news. Some of us acquire far too many things. Please help us discern the important things in life. Jesus taught the importance of loving kindness. Let that be our motto in life. **AMEN.**

***HYMN**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

UMH 526

***SCRIPTURE READING (unison) Matthew 6:19-21**

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither rust nor moths consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHANCEL CHOIR

“ Standing on the Promises”

Dave Bertelsen, Director

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS

Lay Servant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

THE LORDS 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 our 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.

***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)**
God of life and love for all. Sometimes we are guilty of forgetting the real meaning of life as you taught us. Please help us to be more caring and sharing in our daily lives. As Jesus forgave others help us follow his example. Forgive our transgressions and help us to be better Christians in thought and deed.
AMEN.

***CLOSING HYMN** “How Great Thou Art” **UMH 77**

BENEDICTION

Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.
Saint Frances of Assisi

*POSTLUDE

(Following worship, please join us for refreshments in the lounge.)



Can you help? An Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 9:30am worship service on Palm Sunday, March 24. We are in need of Easter Basket stuffers. Please bring candy, grass, toys, crafts, plastic eggs, etc. Items can be placed in the baskets by the bulletin board in the north entrance. Thank you so much!



This March we are planning to kick off a fundraiser to help our ustees with projects around the church wo we have partnered with Epicure Fundraiser. Everyone can buy, sell and/or donate one or more of these beautiful boxes of **The Weekend Dinners Collection**. This Collection is packed with an assortment of easy meal solutions that can be prepared in **20 minutes or less**. So think gifting for teachers, Mother's Day, busy Moms, homebound people, teenagers, etc. Our second goal is to bless as many parents of the Green Tree School kids we sponsor.

Just fill out the **enclosed order that was in your March newsletter**. **Extra forms are also by the box at either entrance**. Attach a check or cash to the form. Checks cane be made payable to: Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church. This can be done anytime in March. You will be notified when the food arrives at the church.

Thank you in advance!

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