



**FIFTH AVE. UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

323 South 5th Avenue
West Bend WI 53095

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

October 29, 2023

Ellen Johnson, Liturgist
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: (Handbells) "Declare the Maker's Praise" Kathy Schneider, Dir.

~WELCOME & CENTERING~

GREETING:

Pastor. Jesus said that His followers would be known for their love (John 13:35) O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! Come all are invited! All are welcome!

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***CENTERING** "In the Garden" C. Austin Miles/Arr. Jamey Simmons

***INVOCATION:**

L: Almighty God, as we stand in awe of your goodness and mercy today, we invite you to be present amongst us by the power of your Holy Spirit. Gracious God, we declare that we love you. Thank you that you have made the way of love known through your son Jesus Christ. We pray that you would reveal this great love to us all today as we gather to worship. Lead us by your Spirit to praise you. May our hearts overflow with thanksgiving and our mouths proclaim your everlasting greatness. In the wonderful name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Let us pray:

***PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, hear my prayer for unity, that we may all love each other as you first loved us. May we act with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience toward one another, living in unity with you. May we lay down our swords, set aside our grievances, and forgive each other as you forgave us. Lord, lead us to take what you've given us – love, mercy, grace, forgiveness – and spread those in this world, lavishing them upon others in our lives. May your love bind us together in perfect unity. All this I pray through your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

~WE PROCLAIM~

Hosea 10:13 (The Voice)

L: Creator God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, so that as we read your eternal Word, your Word may penetrate our whole being and transform us. Grant us the blessing to be a faithful disciple in believing the Word of God and that we may be a light shining upon all who are in darkness. Let us read the wisdom of the Old Testament:

All: Plant a crop of righteousness for yourselves, harvest the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your hard soil, because it's time to seek the Eternal until He comes and waters your fields with justice.

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

MEDLEY Dave Bertelsen, Vocalist/Tom Blumenberg, Harmonica
“O When the Saints Come Marching In”, “Swing Low Sweet Chariot”, “I Saw the Light”

SERMON: “Live Righteously Before God” Pastor Clarissa

HYMN: “Surely the Presence of the Lord” x2 UMH 328

~LOCAL CHURCH CONFERENCE~

FINANCE - Eric Peters (Treasurer: Handling God's Money in the Church) and Pastor Clarissa

PASTOR (Connecting vision to ministry through spiritual leadership) – Pastor Clarissa

HYMN: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” vs. 1&2 UMH 496

TRUSTEES – BRETT BARNETT (TRUSTEES CO-CHAIR: Manage the Resources of the Congregation)

DISAFFILIATION - PASTOR CLARISSA and ELLEN JOHNSON (ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP CHAIR: Connect Vision and Ministry in Your Church)

DISAFFILIATION: (continued) -

HYMN: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” vs. 3. UMH 496

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE - KAONOU LATHAM (Pastor-Parish Relations Chair: Connect the Pastor, Staff, and Congregation)

***CLOSING HYMN:**

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

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~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~

Pastor: Loving God, as we conclude this gathering, we ask for Your benediction of blessing and peace upon us. May Your favor rest upon our lives, filling us with Your abundant grace and mercy. Grant us Your peace that surpasses all understanding, guarding our hearts and minds. May we experience harmony and unity in our relationships, seeking reconciliation where there is division. Bless us with good health, provision, and protection. As we go forth, may Your light shine through us, illuminating the paths we walk and touching the lives of those we encounter. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

***POSTLUDE:**

“Amazing Grace”

John Newton/Arr. Jamey Simmons

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The flowers are given by Tim & Linda Bodden in celebration of their 18th wedding anniversary which is today.

The bulletins are given by Tom & Kaonou Latham.

Please join us for continued Fellowship during our Coffee Hour.