

## FIFTH AVE. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

323 South 5th Ave. West Bend WI 53095

Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ May 29, 2022 **TOWNHALL MEETING** 

# Alana Dalton, Liturgist Vicki Roth, Pianist Rev. Clarissa L. Martinelli, Senior 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

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~					
PRELUDE:	"Amazing Grace"	Carrell and Clayton			
	~ WORDS OF WELCOME ~				

#### **GREETING:**

**Pastor**: Welcome! How can we disturb the city today? By getting into "Good trouble" The art of difficult conversations is such a critical piece of making "good trouble," and the importance of feeling empowered to engage in challenging discussions. Today as we hold our Townhall Meeting, it is a day for casting a vision of what it means to be working toward, leaning toward, co-creating with God the kin-dom we long for. Come, let's get into some "Good Trouble" as hold up a vision that inspires us and those who come alongside us. All are welcome!

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CENTERING MUSIC: "We Gather Together" Netherlands Folk Melody

### \*MORNING PRAYER: (Unison)

All: O Mighty God, we thank You for the body of Christ who are called to serve in such as time as this. God of Victory, in the name of Jesus, we come before You right now and pray for spiritual growth in Your church. We believe prayer brings healing and empowerment. Therefore, we humbly pray for divine increase concerning church growth, faith and Christian love in Jesus' holy name. We pray that you will transform our church, Fifth Ave. United Methodist Church; that it will be vibrant, filled with the power and working of Your Holy Spirit. We stand on Your Word, that no weapon formed against Your church shall prosper. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

\*HYMN: "Pass It On" UMH 572

THE CONFERENCES: GENERAL; ANNUAL; JURISDICTIONAL

GOSPEL VIDEO Shekinah Glory Ministry – "Yes" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiIzIeFAhrM

#### CALLING FOR VOLUNTEER LEADERS: SO MANY PLACES TO SERVE

\*HYMN: "He Touched Me (Shackled by a Heavy Burden)" UMH 367

#### \*~WE PROCLAIM~

Acts 16:25-34 ~ Christian Standard Bible (CSB) (Unison)

All: About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the jail were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains came loose. When the jailer woke up and saw the doors of the prison standing open, he drew his sword and was going to kill himself, since he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul called out in a loud voice, "Don't harm yourself, because we're all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. He escorted them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." And they spoke the word of the Lord to him along with everyone in his house. He took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds. Right away he and all his family were baptized. He brought them into his house, set a meal before them, and rejoiced because he had come to believe in God with his entire household.

L: The Word of God for the people of God. P: Praise to the Living Word.

HOMILY: "About Midnight, Paul & Silas Were Praying..." Pastor Clarissa

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: GOD OWNS IT ALL

## ~INVITATION TO SHARING OUR TITHES, GIFTS & OURSELVES~

\*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)

All: God of justice and mercy: The temptation is strong to make our gifts to you on Sunday feel as if we've done all that is expected, then wake up on Monday and live like all the rest of the world. Deep in our souls, we know that's not what Christ called us to do, but the safe road is so much easier. God of compassion, embolden us to be involved in some "good trouble." Embolden us to stand out against the backdrop of a world that says, "take care of your own." Embolden us to use our voices to speak on behalf of the voiceless, to use our ears to hear the discouraged and defeated, and to use our arms to help the weak and powerless. In the name of the one who conquered death. Amen. (Acts 16:16-34)

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" UMH 717

## ~ CHARGE & BENEDICTION~

L: People of God, we are sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit, to be God's witnesses; to proclaim the Good News to everyone we meet, to share the love that God has lavished on us in Jesus Christ. So go from here in the power and strength of God, to bear witness to all you have seen and experienced.

Pastor: May God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you may grow in your knowledge of God. And may He continue to flood your hearts with light so that you may comprehend the confident hope he has given to those he has called—His holy people, who are His rich and glorious inheritance.

\*POSTLUDE: "Praise To The Lord" from Erneuertun Gesangbuch

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True Wisdom Faith
Singing Jailer
Magistrates Silas
Profit Spirit

Earthquake Prison Paul Slave Girl Praying Romans Masters