

## **5TH AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

323 South 5th Avenue - West Bend WI 53095  
6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - July 12, 2020 @ 9:30 am

### **“How to Feed Your Spirit”**

**ORGAN PRELUDE:**

**GREETING:** L: This is the day that the Lord has made.  
P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**CENTERING MUSIC:**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

**P: O God, you know!**

L: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

**P: O God, you know!**

L: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

**P: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!**

L: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

**All: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER: (Unison)**

**O God of all good gifts, how generous are your provisions for us! Even before we are aware of our needs, you know what it is that we need. You invite us into community and provide for us out of your steadfast love: nourishment for our bodies, protection from the elements and safety. You ask in return that we respond to your love by working for justice: nourishment and protection for all. You expect that we will seek righteousness as a way of life. But so often O God, we fail to live being mindful of others in a caring, just and righteous way. When your love and justice do not flow through our lives, our community withers, and so do we. Forgive us, O God! In your loving care, show us again the way to participate in your kingdom.**

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Beloved community, be assured that God hears our petitions! God continues to expect of us a life in which justice prevails. This is God's desire for us. We, God's forgiven people, are free to live into that desire. God loves us still. Amen.

**HYMN:**

“Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 1:1-6 (CEV)**

**\*GOSPEL READING: John 15:4-5 (VOICE) (Unison)**

Abide in Me, and I will abide in you. A branch cannot bear fruit if it is disconnected from the vine, and neither will you if you are not connected to Me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you abide in Me and I in you, you will bear great fruit. Without Me, you will accomplish nothing.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. P: Praise to You, O Christ. Amen.

**SERMON:**

“Living Off Your Hump!”

**PASTORAL PRAYER:**

**LORD'S PRAYER:**

**CELEBRATION OF STEWARDSHIP:**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Unison)**

God of the universe, we come to worship this morning, longing to set our minds on the Holy Spirit, to live with Christ within us. We have not always made room for Christ in the clutter of our lives. We have indulged our wants so often that too often the voice of the Spirit is drowned out. As we dedicate these gifts this morning, may it help us to live more in tune with the Spirit and to use our resources in a way that reflects that Christ is Lord of all our lives. In his holy name, we pray. Amen. (Romans 8:1-11)

**CLOSING HYMN:**

“Spirit Song”

UMH 347

**BENEDICTION:**

Pastor: Go now, and love one another, because love is from God. Proclaim God's salvation to every generation. Remain in Jesus Christ, and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him. And may God, the vine grower, tend you and make you fruitful; may Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life; and may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's love. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ.

**POSTLUDE:**