

many of our lives, in these times of abundance or in times of crisis, God lovingly invites each of us to remain attentive to living in unity with all, and with the Church. Your offering becomes the symbol of surrender into God's hands, a symbol of gratitude. God loves a cheerful giver. Your faithful stewardship is gratefully appreciated.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER: (UNISON)**

**All: Mighty God, our comfort and our strength: we have been navigating through this pandemic with anxiety and isolation. We have lived in fear of disease, death, and not having enough. Yet, we are here, offering our gifts to the work of your kingdom and reminding ourselves of the glory about to be revealed to us. Remind us that we are your children, that we are your heirs. Remind us that your plan is not bondage or decay but a love that will save us and free us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN: "We Are Called" TFWS 2172**

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**~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~**

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**All: May the grace of God surround you.  
May the grace of God uplift you.  
May the grace of God stand with you through the challenges ahead.  
May the grace of God convince you, in every situation, to love.  
Go now to love others, even as Christ loves you.**

Pastor: Children of God, bear one another's burdens. Correct one another with gentleness. Bless one another with signs of peace. Do not grow weary in doing what is right and you will reap a rich harvest of joy, hope, and love. Go in the peace of the Lord to share the Gospel of Grace.

**POSTLUDE: "I've Got Peace Like a River" TFWS 2145**



**5th AVENUE**

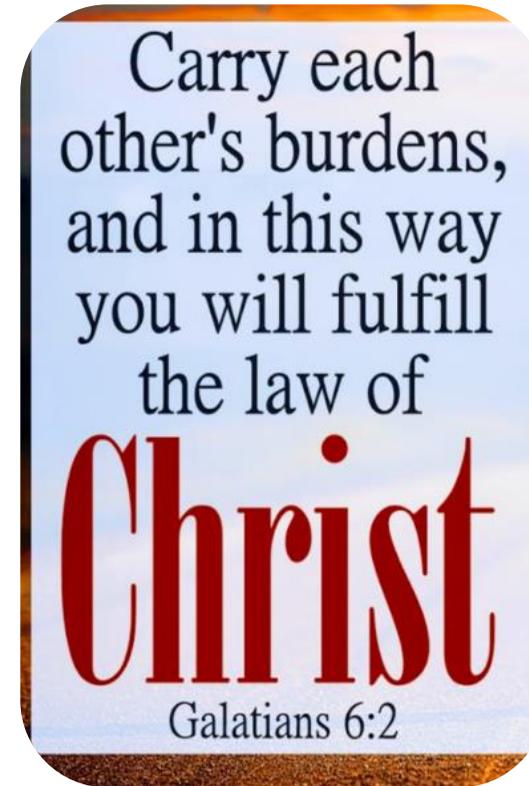
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**323 South 5th Avenue ~ West Bend WI 53095**

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**7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ July 19, 2020**

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**THE STRONGEST QUALITY ANY CHRISTIAN OR CONGREGATION CAN DISPLAY IN ITS COMMUNITY IS TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER WELL WITHIN AND BEYOND THE WALLS OF THE CHURCH BUILDING.**

**THIS IS HOW GOD'S SUSTAINING GRACE WORKS IN AND THROUGH US.**

**OUR NEIGHBORS NEED FOR US TO HUMBLY BE THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF THE RISEN CHRIST, IN THE WORLD, BEARING THEIR BURDENS WITH THEM AND OFFERING THEM CHRIST. IN THAT WAY, WE WILL BE FULFILLING THE LAW OF CHRIST AND OFFERING THEM GOD'S GRACE THAT CAN TRANSFORM, EMBRACE, CLOTHE, FORM, BEAR FRUIT, AND SUSTAIN FOR ALL OF LIFE.**

**Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Pastor**

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~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

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ORGAN PRELUDE: "Pass It On" UMH 572

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~WELCOME~

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GREETING:

God of fresh beginnings, you make all things new in the wisdom of Jesus Christ. Make us agents of your transforming power and heralds of your reign of justice and peace, that all may share in the healing Christ brings. Amen.

L: Welcome this day to the house of our God. P: We are greeted in peace and in love.

CENTERING MUSIC: "Give Thanks" TFWS 2036

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

L: In the midst of our troubles, we cry aloud to God.

P: God always hears our cries and responds to our needs.

L: God brings us up out of our trouble and sets us in a safe place.

P: God comforts and restores our souls.

L: The Lord has turned our mourning into dancing!

P: We have been clothed with joy and hope! AMEN.

\*PRAYER: (UNISON)

O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives, bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.

HYMN: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" TFWS 2153

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~WE PROCLAIM~

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Galatians 6:1-10 (CEV) (Unison)

My friends, you are spiritual. So, if someone is trapped in sin, you should gently lead that person back to the right path. But watch out, and don't be tempted yourself. You obey the law of Christ when you offer each other a helping hand. If you think you are better than others, when you really aren't, you are wrong. Do your own work well, and then you will have something to be proud of. But don't compare yourself with others. We each must carry our own load. Share every good thing you have with anyone who teaches you what God has said. You cannot fool God, so don't make a fool of yourself! You will harvest what you plant. If you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction, but if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life. Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. We should help people whenever we can, especially if they are followers of the Lord.

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

SERMON: "Galatians Gospel of Grace" Pastor Clarissa

PASTORAL PRAYER:

O God, you promise to be with us always. And yet we forget that you are present, walking beside us; guiding our steps; leading us forward. If we think that we are on our own, draw near. If we know that we are lost, help us see the signs: a cloud by day, a fire by night. Forgive us, for we are easily led astray. Show us the paths of righteousness, and we will walk in them. Through Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, we pray. Amen.

~Great Thanksgiving~

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

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5th Ave. United Methodist Church - "Earn, Save, Give" Stewardship

STEWARDSHIP IN A TIME OF CRISIS

COVID-19 is changing the way the world interacts and the church is not immune to those changes. But what about financial stewardship during this time? Most churches, including our church, are still heavily dependent on gifts that are made in an offering plate when people are physically in church and 78% of gifts are given during a worship service. At the midpoint of our budget, we have received 37% of pledged contributions. With passionate understanding that COVID-19 has also generated drastic economic crisis that has impacted

## ~Great Thanksgiving~

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also, with you**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love and grace remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and set before us the way of life. And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. By your grace and mercy, we have been born anew to a living hope, cleansed by the same water and Spirit, clothed in Christ Jesus, and given an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading. Once we were no people, but now we are your people, bearing the fruit of your Spirit, declaring your wonderful deeds in Christ, who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is the bread of life, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Leader: On the day you raised him from the dead, he was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread, and, in the power of your Holy Spirit, your Church has continued in

the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup. And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at the heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever more.

**People: Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**We are children of God.**

**We have been water-washed and Spirit-filled.**

**We're dead to sin and alive in Christ.**

**We're done with law, and live under grace.**

**Our hearts are set on righteousness.**

**Our minds are fixed on life and peace.**

**Suffering is nothing, compared to the glory to come.**

**For we're heirs to the life Christ is bringing!**

**We are children of God!**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON GALATIANS 6:7 – PLANTING SEEDS

Objective: To teach children that their words and deeds can cause good things to grow in the world and harmful things too.

Scripture: Galatians 6:7 “A person reaps what they sows.”

Materials: Seeds, and a small planter/bowl full of dirt.

Story Outline: Gather round boys and girls! I want to show you something!

(Have the planter or bowl next to you, with the seed packet off to the side.)

Do you see this container of dirt? If I water it and make sure it gets some sun, something is going to grow in it! That's right! And I can't wait to see what it is! What do you think will grow?

A flower? Maybe! Wouldn't that be beautiful? Beans? Ooh, I would like that.

**(Wait to see if any of the children spot the seed packet. If not, nudge it a bit as a hint.)**

Tomatoes? You think tomatoes are going to grow? How do you know that? Because I planted tomato seeds! That's right! And when you plant tomato seeds, tomatoes grow! Just like if I had planted flower seeds, flowers would grow or if I planted an apple seed, a whole tree full of apples might grow!

Did you know that you, all of you, plant seeds in your life every day? They are not the same kind of seeds I planted.

You plant invisible seeds with your words and actions. When you tell your mom or dad or grandma or grandpa you love them, you are planting a seed. When you push or make an unkind face at a friend, you are planting a seed.

And just like when you plant a pumpkin seed, pumpkins grow, when you plant a love seed, love grows! In the same way, if you plant an unfriendly seed, unfriendliness grows.

In the book of Galatians (6:7), we learn that whatever a person plants, that's what grows, whether it's joy or potatoes! Apples or anger!

This week, pay attention to what you are planting around you and see if you can plant some love and joy, and watch it grow.

**Prayer: Dear Lord, Let me always keep your will in mind when planting seeds. Amen.**

### BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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O B A A B R T J E M D I I  
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JESUS CHRIST	PRAY	MIRACLE
SALVATION	TITHE	NAZARETH
JEW	MINISTRY	BETHLEHEM
GENTILE	BIBLE	JERUSALEM
HOLY SPIRIT	HOLY	BAPTIZE
GOD THE FATHER	SACRIFICE	TEMPTATION
PERSECUTE	FAITH	SIN