

STEWARDSHIP IN A TIME OF CRISIS

We must learn to give the best we have to God and others. Why? It is not just because God promises great blessings when we do, but because the meaning of our lives is found in becoming like Jesus. Jesus gave his best time, talent and treasure to his Father and to all those he served. He gave away everything he had, even his own body and blood in sacrifice for our sins. How can we give like this? Only by the grace of God.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: (UNISON)

Gracious God, we bring our gifts to your altar, asking you to dedicate them to do the work of love and compassion in the world. We learned from Jesus, who had compassion on the crowds who gathered to hear him teach, that putting what we have in the hands of Jesus can bring abundance. Multiply these gifts with the love in which they are offered, that they might bring hope to those in need and might glorify and celebrate your love for all your children. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit" UMH 404

~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~

Liturgist: In today's world, there is pain and sorrow and loneliness. But God has taught us that He is ever-present in our lives. He is the shepherd and we are his flock. He will lead us through our daily lives and provide us with strength and comfort. We are never alone. So, take time, each day, to see the beauty he has created for us. Listen to the birds, see the green grass, enjoy his creations. And find a way to bring your joy to someone else. You can always talk to God, and he will always listen!

Lay Servant: God sent his son, Jesus to teach us how to live a better and fulfilling life. He answered questions with parables, making people think, always being the teacher. So follow the examples of Jesus: always loving and caring for others, being kind and generous to all. Leave this service with peace in your hearts and joy in knowing that you are a precious and blessed person.

POSTLUDE: "Piece in C Major" William Boyce

Please leave your pew by the side aisle and exit to your right to the outside door.

Youth Sunday will be held on August 23. Attendance will be limited to the children, parents, and their families.



5th AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

323 South 5th Avenue ~ West Bend WI 53095

10th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ August 9, 2020



**JESUS WANTS
FAT HOGS!**

(6-WEEKS SERMON SERIES)

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Teachable- having
a willingness to
learn.

Holy
Obedient

Growing

Mr. Ethan Latham, Liturgist
Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Pastor
Ellen Johnson, Lay Servant

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

ORGAN PRELUDE "Lord of All Hopefulness" David Cherwein John Abuya

~WELCOME~

GREETING:

Lay Servant: - we are all children of God. He knew us before we were born. He had our life paths all planned for us. He presents us with challenges in our lives so that we might learn and grow in our faith. In growing, we realize that God, our father, is where we should put our trust. We can turn to Him for endless comfort and love. He gave us his precious son, Jesus, to teach us right from wrong. Through His son, we learned to have faith and life everlasting.

CENTERING MUSIC: "All I Need Is You" Dan Adler

***CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)**

L - With God, all things are possible, no matter how difficult they may seem.

P - We are aware of God's presence in our daily lives.

L - God loves us, endlessly.

P - God's love is our stronghold and our anchor.

L - We praise our God and are grateful for his son, Jesus.

P - We are grateful for the guidance and teachings of Jesus.

***PRAYER: (UNISON)**

Gracious and loving God, while we are adjusting to the changes in life on earth, we are grateful to have you to turn to. We adjusted to wearing masks, and not gathering with others, and living more isolated lives, you give us comfort and strength to carry on. We are learning to appreciate what we DO have and realize how important others are to us. Forgive us if we complain about having these changes, and please help us to adjust our lives to include more time with you.

Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE: (Liturgist)

Our loving and patient God is with us, at all times, in all places. He has not abandoned us. Each trial and tribulation is a learning experience, a chance to grow our faith. We know God is in charge. Open your eyes and ears to His messages.

Amen

~WE PROCLAIM~

Liturgist: Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:8-9

ALL: Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things you have learned, and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

HYMN "Pass It On" UMH #572

PRAYER of Ignatius of Loyola (Spain, 16th century) (Unison) UMH #570

**Teach us, good Lord
to serve you as you deserve
to give and not to count the cost
to fight and not to heed the wounds
to toil and not to seek for rest
to labor and not to ask for any reward,
except that of knowing that we do your will
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

SERMON "Are you One of the Teachables?" Ellen Johnson, Lay Servant

PRAYERS

THOUGHTS FOR CHILDREN

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

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