

will be different but, collectively, we will get through this. I ask you to continue to pray for 5th Avenue UMC, our city and our dedicated leadership. It is my prayer that when we are able to gather altogether again, our church will be full with grateful hearts, fully aware that we have been good stewards of the gifts we have received. We will indeed hear God's voice telling us "Well done, good and faithful servant." (Matthew 25:21.)

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (UNISON)**

Generous and Holy God, every good and perfect gift that touches our lives does indeed come from above, provided through your gracious and boundless love. We bring these gifts, such a small portion of what we have received by your hand, and doing so join them with others that we might be found to be doers of the word and not listeners only. We pray this is the name of Jesus the Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen. (James 1:17-27)

***CLOSING HYMN:** "Sanctuary" TFWS 2164

~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~

L: 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: 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:

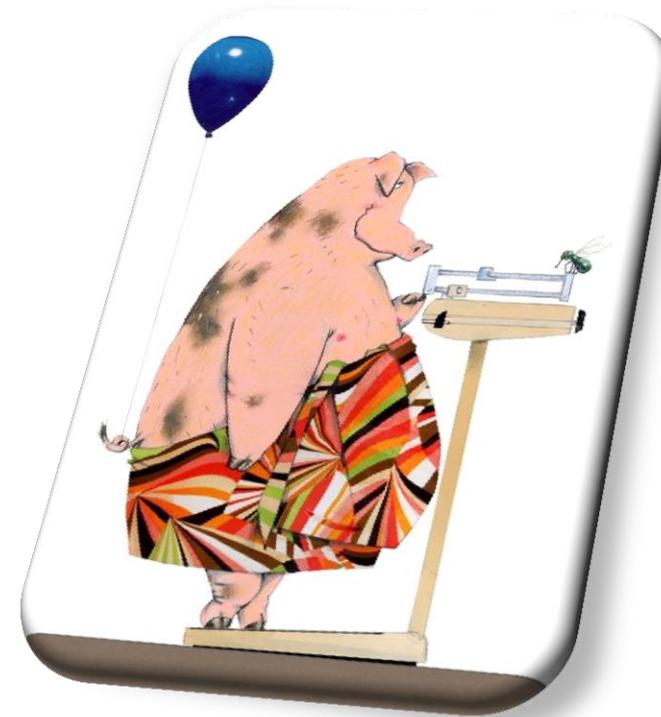


5th AVENUE

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

323 South 5th Avenue ~ West Bend WI 53095

11th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ August 16, 2020



**JESUS WANTS
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**Ms. Karen Bowes, Liturgist
Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Pastor**

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

ORGAN PRELUDE:

~WELCOME~

PRELUDE:

GREETING: We praise you O Lord. May our songs and voices hint at your glory and our prayers proceed to your heart. You are holy. Amen.

CENTERING MUSIC:

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

One: We gather in this place to worship God.

Many: In the beauty of holiness, we seek your face, Lord.

One: Let us bring an offering of thanksgiving and bless God in acts of compassion and service.

Many: Words are not enough to describe you, Lord. Even songs can only hint at the grandeur of your presence. You are holy.

One: Help us to remember that we cannot receive all that you offer to us if our hearts are filled with thoughts and feelings that are not from you.

Many: So, take away self-righteousness, remove criticism, scrape away every wrong thought, every resentment, and everything that separates us from one another because these things also separate us from you.

One: Give us clean hearts, so that we can be used by you.

Many: Fix us, Jesus, we have come today to be made worthy of your goals for our lives.

***PRAYER: (UNISON)**

God, we have always known that we are not perfect and often use that knowledge as a cushion to dull the impact of mistakes we willingly make. But, here, we see Jesus calling us to perfection, and the Old Testament Law calling us to holiness -- like you. God. Teach us what it means to be holy, and what it means to pursue perfection so that day-by-day we might come to resemble the children of the Most High you have called us to be. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE:**

We belong to Christ: our past belongs to Christ; our sins belong to Christ. We belong to Christ: our right now belongs to Christ; our moment of forgiveness belongs to Christ. We belong to Christ: our future belongs to Christ; our holy future, free of guilt and shame, belongs to Christ. Amen.

HYMN:
64

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

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~WE PROCLAIM~

1 Peter 1:13-16 The Passion Translation (TPT) (Unison)

So then, prepare your hearts and minds for action! Stay alert and fix your hope firmly on the marvelous grace that is coming to you. For when Jesus Christ is unveiled, a greater measure of grace will be released to you. As God’s obedient children, never again shape your lives by the desires that you followed when you didn’t know better. Instead, shape your lives to become like the Holy One who called you. For Scripture says: “You are to be holy, because I am holy.”

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

SERMON:

“Becoming a Fat Hog for Jesus - Holy”

Pastor Clarissa

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

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

STEWARDSHIP IN A TIME OF CRISIS

While the doors to our church are cautiously opening along with the virtual doors to our church; doors to our faith are always wide open. Our church has stepped up to the challenge and has become a praiseful place to gather in-person and via social media, to reach out to others in need and become closer to God while keeping our social distances.

I believe that God is asking each of us during this time to examine our own gifts and talents to see where we can help. For some, it may be volunteering, for others, it may be lending your expertise of technology allowing us to reach those who are craving the

spiritual content which we so sorely need. Just as we have been given different gifts, our individual responses

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Leader: Christ's invitation is simple —sit down where you are. You don't need to run off somewhere else —not a nearby city or a familiar sanctuary, communion is where you are — sit down. The disciples complained —it is a deserted place and the hour is late. Jesus said, "They need not go away."

No one needs to go away. No one is deserted and no one is late —not you who are alone, because you are vulnerable to the virus or you who would feel alone even in a not-distancing crowd because something has made your life a wilderness. Jesus has compassion on every crowd, healing them, even the hungers, one by one by one.

Here is green grass, someone to help you sit down, someone to help you stand up again, someone to bless Communion, so it will be enough, and break it into pieces you can handle. Sit down where you are.

Unison: Holy, Holy, Holy One

God of justice and love

Heaven and earth are full of your wonder

Hosanna among us

Pastor: In the story about feeding a multitude, Jesus asked that people to bring to him what they had. You have done that today. In your many kitchens and living rooms, rest your hands lightly upon these elements which we set aside today to be a sacrament. We ask God's blessing on them to make them enough and also to make them abundant for us and for all those who are in our prayers this morning.

Unison: God of compassion, you bless and break everything we are and everything we bring to you. Our deep scarcity becomes enough to sustain us, and then our "enough" becomes an abundance we could never imagine. We pray that your Spirit of life and love, of tenderness and power, rest upon every bread and every cup, that they may feed the inmost need of each child of God and pour forth a grace that can change the world. Risen Christ, live in us, that we may live in you. Amen.

Pastor: We remember the Creator fed the aurora borealis and ocean depths, land and air creatures and diatoms, all we see now that grows and breathes, all that swims, swarms, slithers, all that runs, flies, leaps and loves.

We remember Jesus Christ played vintner at a wedding feast, rubbed elbows with Zacchaeus' friends, taught the disciples they should not substitute anything like stone or snake for really important menus like reduced lunch, soup kitchen food pantry or meals on wheels, and, in the midst of profound grief for cousin John's death, expanded the disciples' understanding of the hope recipe in bread crust and fish scraps, and then, when they forgot ... did it again.

We always remember a Passover in Jerusalem when Jesus borrowed an upper room, soaked and scrubbed the tired feet of others, and explained that there is a God-shaped hole in everyone's belly and Jesus would fill it with love.

Remembering is beautiful, but there is not much taste in it. Let us stop running to nearby villages with our hunger and thirst, and sit down here and now, to eat and drink, be blessed and broken.

Pastor: The bread on your table is blessed and broken like the picnic of grace.

Unison: Sharing love, we will never be hungry.

Pastor: The cup on your table is blessed and shared like the overflowing of tears and joy

Unison: Drinking deeply, we will never thirst.

Pastor: In thanksgiving for the meal that heals yesterday and the unexpected grace that empowers tomorrow, we pray for wisdom. In collective longing for a taste of your Kindom on earth, we join together in echoing the prayer of Jesus:

Lord's Prayer:

Prayer After Receiving:

Unison: O Holy One, as we received this sacrament in the holy dispersion of virtual worship and the holy distancing in church pews, we thought we "ordered" from a select gourmet menu, and never expected to become the curbside pickup of your love and justice, of your compassion and courage, of your hope and healing for all of your children who need a meal in a deserted place. Help us gather the leftovers from the miracles in our lives and give them away. Amen.

MOLDED TO BE HOLY

Not only in the Old Testament, but just as much in the New Testament we are called upon to be a holy people, for our God is a holy God. Holiness is such an important theme in the Scriptures, that we come across time and time again. Just look at some of the Bible verses in the scripture reference in this idea.

How do we teach the importance of holiness when so much of its value has been lost in our current society?

Why is it so important that we teach children in the 21st century to be holy, as our God is holy? And how do we show this to the children in our Sunday school class, children's ministry or the teenagers in our youth group, when the word 'holiness' has lost so much of its value in our current society?

God is holy, meaning He is pure and set apart...He wants us to be holy, too, but we can only do that if we let Him live through us. We do this by looking to God and scripture in all things.

Give kids each a piece of aluminum foil big enough to cover their face. Ask them each to place the foil on their face and create a mold by pressing the foil to their face.

Have them examine the mold they've made. Say: You've made an impression of your face, but the foil isn't really you, is it? It looks a little like you, but It's not you. It's just an impression of who you are. Have kids then give their foil impression to someone else. Have the other people mold the foil impression to their face and then return it to the original person.

- What changed about your foil?

Read aloud 1 Peter 1:15-16.

- What's one thing that would change in your life if you were holy like God is holy?

Even though the foil was in the shape of your face, now it bears the resemblance of someone else. That's something like what it means to be holy. We all look like ourselves, but we bear a resemblance to God. Holiness is God's impression on us. We still look like ourselves, but God wants us to look like him in the ways we live and think.

We can trust and depend upon God because He is holy. When kids learn that God is holy, it creates a life-long foundation of trust in God.

We become who we worship. Kids must understand God rightly to become holy as He is holy. Children are evangelists. Children love sharing what they've learned. Teach your child about holiness and soon the whole neighborhood might understand it.

Filled with the Holy Spirit

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Acts 2:4 (NIV)
Choose the word that best matches the definition.
Answers can be found in Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)



1. Make something to be full
A. fill B. sound C. fire D. spirit
2. To say words, to use the voice
A. amazed B. speak C. sound D. language
3. A destructive burning
A. flood B. sound C. wind D. fire
4. A building which people live in
A. house B. temple C. spirit D. holy
5. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
A. wind B. fire C. fill D. speak
6. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
A. fire B. holy C. wind D. amazed
7. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
A. language B. speak C. sound D. fill
8. To be totally surprised
A. spirit B. fire C. amazed D. holy
9. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
A. spirit B. person C. holy D. amazed
10. Something that can be heard
A. spirit B. speak C. sound D. amazed

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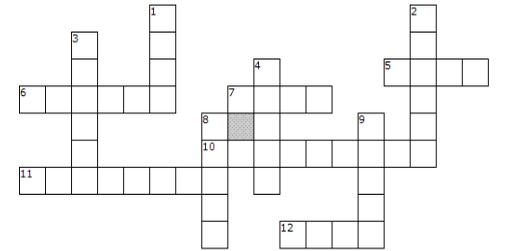


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ACROSS

5. Make something to be full
6. To be totally surprised
7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
10. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
11. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
12. A destructive burning

DOWN

1. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
3. The place where God lives
4. Something that can be heard
8. To say words, to use the voice
9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED

