

- Mature disciples make a conscious decision to follow Jesus, no matter what the cost.
- Christian disciples experience conversion—life shaping changes of mind and heart—and commit their very selves to the Lord.
- Christian stewards respond in a particular way to the call to be a disciple.
- Stewardship has the power to shape and mold our understanding of our lives and the way in which we live.

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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER: (UNISON)**

Gracious and holy God, accept what we offer today: our checks and cash, our faltering steps, our brokenness, our leftovers, our hope, our risking, our lives. Bless and transform all that we offer and all that we hold back, that new life may be ours, to celebrate and share in Jesus' name. Amen. (Jeff Shrowder 1999, The Billabong)

***CLOSING HYMN:** "As the Deer." TFWS 2025

~SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION~

All: Dear Lord, thank You for the model of faith You have given me through the lives of previous generations. Help me to honor those people who love and honor You. Like them, I long to be a person who creates a legacy of faith to those who will follow in my footsteps. Help me be the individual You want me to be.

Pastor: Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength and wisdom that time and experience have given them. Grandchildren bless their grandparents with a youthful vitality and innocence that help them stay young at heart forever. Together they create a chain of love linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen, but it will never part...

POSTLUDE:

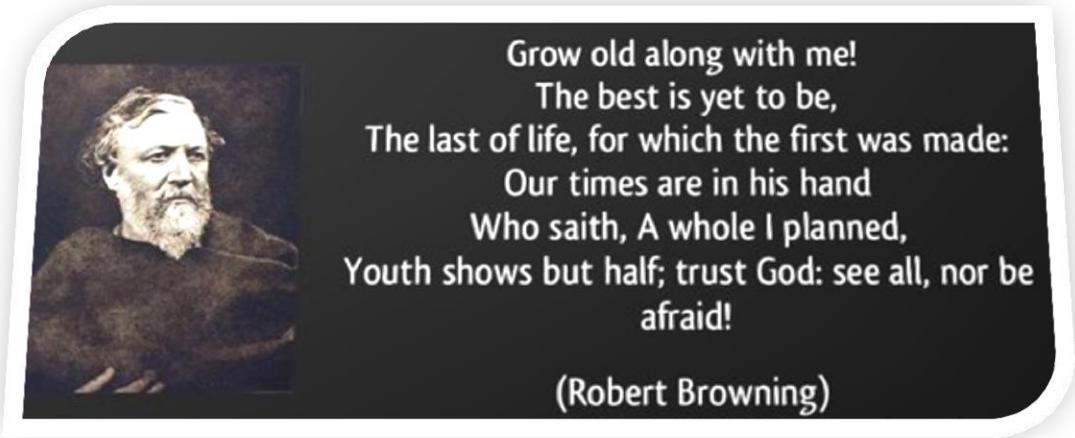


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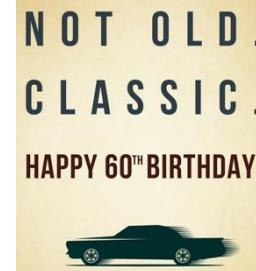
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

323 South 5th Avenue ~ West Bend WI 53095

15th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ September 13, 2020



Happy Grandparents Day!



Bro. Martin Martinelli

, Liturgist

Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Pastor

~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

ORGAN PRELUDE:

~WELCOME~

GREETING:

Pastor: Grandparents are cherished members of our family. They bring gifts of wisdom, experience, and love and share with us their life of faith. We thank God for their example and ask that he bless them with happiness and good health. Blessed be God, who is faithful through all generations.

CENTERING MUSIC:

*CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsively)

L: O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world,
P: enable us to be still and know that You are God.

L: O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life,
P: breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

L: O still, small voice, speak to us this hour
P: that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world.

All: We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

*PRAYER: (UNISON)

God of the Ages we praise and thank you. From generation to generation You have been our refuge and strength. You give your gifts of grace for every time, place and season as we strive within the family to walk in Your ways and remain close to one another and to you. We pray that our homes may be schools of Faith, where we come to know and to love You. Teach us the blessedness of human love. Show us the value of family life and help us to respect all life. May the young find in the

family strong support for their humanity so that they may grow in truth and love. May the elderly experience respect, support, love and care within the family circle. We give thanks for Grandparents and we pray for them. We give thanks for they connect us with our heritage and our roots through the mists of time. We give thanks for their Christian memory which inspires and enlightens us. We give thanks for the example of their faith, for the witness of their lives, for the constancy of their love, for the support of their prayers.

Bless all Grandparents and keep them in Your care. Bless them with peace, health and healing. Reward them for their faith and fidelity, for their work and goodness, for their love and thoughtfulness, for their gifts and prayers. Give them a long and happy life. May old age come to them in the company of family and friends. And when life is over, unite us again, where parting will be no more, in the Kingdom of Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN:
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“Blessed Assurance”

UMH

~WE PROCLAIM~

~ Psalm 71:9~Isaiah 40:31~Job 12:12~ (Unison)

“Don’t forsake me now when my strength is failing. But those who keep waiting for the LORD will renew their strength. Then they’ll soar on wings like eagles; they’ll run and not grow weary; they’ll walk and not grow tired. Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding to the old.”

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

SERMON:

“Come Grow Old With Me”

Pastor Clarissa

~A SERVICE OF DEDICATION FOR MS. ELAINE GUST TRUST~

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

~STEWARDSHIP IN A TIME OF CRISIS~

Disciples as Stewards. Let us begin with being a disciple—a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ. As members of the Church, Jesus calls us to be disciples. This has astonishing implications:



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James 1:17 - “Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the God of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.”

Peter 4:10 - “As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

And as I go along life’s way,
I’m reaping better than I sowed.
I’m drinking from my saucer,
Cause my cup has overflowed.
I thank God for rich blessings,
And for mercies long bestowed.
I’m drinking from my saucer,

Cause my cup has overflowed.
And may I never be too busy,
To help others bear their loads.
Then I’ll keep drinking from my saucer,
Cause my cup has overflowed.

“The giver of every good and perfect gift, from our Shepherd, causes our cups to overflow (Psalm 23:5b). God’s gifts are marked by kindness and helpfulness. Unlike shifting shadows, God does not change. The Lord is always the giver of good gifts. Each of us has received gifts of time, talents and money to share. By employing these gifts on behalf of others, we become agents of God’s grace and we find our own gifts in greater measure. Then we, too, can keep ‘drinking from our saucers.’”

Through her love of God and God’s people, Ms. Elaine Gust freely gave her worldly treasures back to God through His church, 5th Avenue United Methodist Church.

Ms. Elaine, I personally and respectfully thank you for honoring 5th Avenue United Methodist Church as your sole beneficiary. We’re honored you would bless us with your faithfulness and generosity. Donations like yours make a big difference in the work our church is doing in the community and globally.

Without stewards like you, our church can’t have an impact or influence in our community. With your noble support, we’re partnering with local nonprofits, sending financial support to global missions, and upgrading our physical building to welcome new ministries and people. Your financial blessing has and will continue to allowed us to make a meaningful difference to those we serve. We receive your gift gratefully, and dedicate these gifts to the work of our congregation: serving human wholeness, eradication of social injustice, caring for our planet, upholding religious and personal freedoms, welcoming the stranger, and loving one another.

We dedicate your gifts to the work of this congregation; weaving a tapestry of compassion and servitude in action, faith and fellowship, hope and unity. We dedicate these gifts to the work of this congregation and we affirm our lives within it. Together, we seek to serve with ever-greater love.

There is no church without its people; we are this church! We are all it means inside these walls and all it stands for out in the world. May these gifts, and the work of our hands and hearts, give power to all we stand for as a community of faith.

We bless your holy Name, O Lord, because it has pleased you to enable your committed and faithful servant Ms. Elaine Gust, to offer this humble financial gift for your Church and Kingdom building. Remember her for good, and grant that all who benefit from this gift may show their thankfulness to you by using it in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GRANDPA



His name is

He is years old.

When he was my age, he liked to

He and I like to

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together!

My grandpa makes me giggle when he

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My grandpa is so good at

LOVE my Grandpa!