

**SENDING FORTH**

**Liturgist:** Our freedom comes with responsibility. Our men and women in uniform are sworn to preserve our Constitution. They work tirelessly day and night, to protect our nation and our freedom. Today and every day, we give them our thanks and our admiration.

**Lay Servant:** Please join me in singing the first verse of "America" (#697 UMH)

It doesn't matter what uniform you wear, or wore, what job you performed, or where or when you performed it, we give you our undying gratitude for being a part of the mission and protecting us and the world. Our freedom is a God-given gift, and you have our thanks. We are proud of what you have done.

**POSTLUDE**

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**5th AVENUE**

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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

**24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ~ November 15, 2020**



**Bob Krell, Liturgist**  
**Michelle Harrington, Singer**  
**Rev. Clarissa Martinelli, Pastor**  
**Ellen Johnson, Lay Servant**

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~GATHERING GOD'S PEOPLE~

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**PRELUDE**

Vicki Roth, Pianist

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ellen Johnson, Lay Servant

**GREETING**

**Lay Servant:** Today we are paying homage to our Veterans. Those men and women who wore uniforms in times of peace and war. They follow in the footsteps of their ancestors.

**CENTERING MUSIC**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

L: We respect those that have served during peace and war.

P: We honor their willingness to serve our country.

L: They have given their all so that we may have freedom.

P: We hold them in our prayers.

L: We also hold their families in our hearts.

ALL: Whether Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, we salute you!

**PRAYER (UNISON)**

God of all, please keep our men and women in the military safe. Watch over them and their families as they serve. Be with them as they give their all. Guard them as they travel and comfort them in times of need. Amen.

**HYMN**

**"This Is My**

**UMH 437**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Colossians 3:12-18

**Liturgist:** As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, humility, kindness, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another, and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

**HYMN**     **"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"**

**TFWS 2223**

**SERMON**     "Thank You and Your Family For Your Service"  
Ellen Johnson, Lay Servant

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Francis of Assisi, Italy, 13th Century

**Lord's Prayer, unison**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**"Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

**UMH 431**