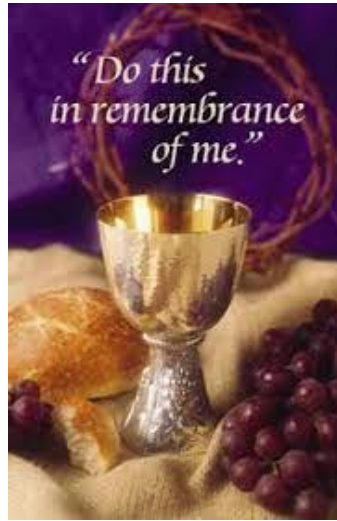


Elm Grove United Methodist Church



April 3, 2022

5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

TAWA 2013; pg. 69

Leader: The days ahead are dark and full of foreboding.

***People:* We watch as Jesus journeys to the cross.**

Leader: There is no way to change what is to come.

***People:* Yet death has not the final word.**

Leader: Let us bear witness to God's new life moving within and among us.

***People:* God is doing a new thing. Let us rejoice and give thanks!**

*Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH #57

*Opening Prayer

TAWA 2016; pg. 66

Lead us, LORD, in this time of worship. Make our paths straight and your presence clear.

Guide us with renewed hope, that we may perceive the signs of life that spring forth from your creative love. With joy-filled trust, we pray. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

UMH #895

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.

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

You may mail in your offering or drop it in our locked mailbox that is to the right of our front glass doors.

Special Music

Feel the Nails
Brian McCullough (8:30)

by Ray Boltz

Walk Along Beside Me, O Lord
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by Don Besig

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

More Love to Thee, O Christ

UMH #453; v.1

*Prayer of Dedication

TAWA 2013; pg. 71-72

Faithful Giver of Life, you have done great things for us.

In the life and teaching of your Son Jesus, you welcome us into your heart.

Help us open our hearts to others, that we may be ever more willing to offer our hospitality, our support, and our material resources wherever they are needed.

Bless these offerings in your holy name. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

My Jesus, I Love Thee

UMH #172

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:4b-14

Message

"Our Credentials"

Rev. John Morrison

Prayer of Confession

TAWA 2013; pg. 70-71

Holy Source of New Life, you promise to set us free from paths of fear, doubt, and denial.

Yet we resist your invitation, seeing only what we must give up if we are to follow the path of Jesus.

You call us to have faith in your sustaining presence and power, but your call takes us beyond anything we can see or touch.

We fear placing our trust in things beyond our control.

We doubt that you can bring water to the dry places of our lives or replace our suffering with joy.

Forgive us when we turn away from your promise of abundant life.

Heal us and lead us home, Holy One. Amen.

Words of Assurance

TAWA 2013; pg. 71

Whenever we seek to leave behind our old ways and turn to God for help, God forgives our faithlessness and strengthens us for the journey ahead.

We are the heirs of God's promises.

We are the children of God's compassion and mercy.

*Hymn

When We Are Called to Sing Your Praise

TFWS #2216

*Benediction

TAWA 2016; pg. 68

Pastor: God leads us into a new day on a new path.

***People:* We look ahead and see a new way.**

Pastor: Christ travels this road with us.

***People:* We go on this journey with Christ.**

Pastor: God is doing great things for us.

***People:* We go forth, rejoicing with hope.**

***All:* Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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Pastor Cindy will be here April 5th, 2:00pm-5:00pm for anyone who would like to stop by for a cup of coffee and a chance to meet and chat.

Non-Lily Sale!

In lieu of ordering lilies this year for Easter, we are inviting you to make a donation towards our Conference Apportionment.

You may label your donation In Honor or Memory of and we will print it in the bulletin April 17th.

Please drop your form into the offering plate no later than April 10th.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.

Yes, I would like to make a donation towards the Conference Apportionment Giving.

- **\$10.00**

- **Other amount \$_____**

Please Circle one

In Honor/Memory of _____

Given by _____

Free Food Handlers Class

April 4th - 6:00pm (Sanctuary)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND



OUR FISH FRY IS BACK!!

Good Friday, April 15th

11:00am - 6:00pm

Take-out only

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday (April 10th): 8:30am & 11:00am

Maundy Thursday (April 14th): 7:00pm @ Christ UMC

Good Friday – Tenebrae Service (April 15th): 7:00pm @ Elm Grove UMC

Easter Services: 8:30am & 11:00am



MISSION OF THE MONTH



SEND A SCOUT TO CAMP!

Monetary donations gladly accepted.

Not ready to attend in-person worship,
but still want to help out our mission group?
You can mail in monetary donations to the church anytime,
just mark the memo line of your check "Mission Group".



The Northern District of the UMW will be hosting an Artisan's Market at our annual meeting in October.

We will be selling stationery and cards using photos submitted from our District.

Be part of our new artisan market and submit your photos to:
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April 9th

12:00-4:00pm

Church parking lot