

# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



May 8, 2022

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

\*Call to Worship

TAWA 2016; pg. 102

*Leader:* Come and worship!

***People:* We are here, with God's Spirit among us.**

*Leader:* God reveals God's self to us today:

***People:* As the Good Shepherd, giver of rest and comfort;**

*Leader:* As the Holy Lamb, worthy of our eternal praise;

***People:* As the giver of new life, and new hope.**

*Leader:* We are here, with God's Spirit among us.

***People:* We worship you, Holy Trinity.**

\*Hymn

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH #127

\*Opening Prayer

W/S #201

**We give you thanks for those who have been mothers for us.**

**Help us inherit from them that which will make us more fully your people.**

**Where they have offered us blessings of love, may we incorporate those gifts into our lives.**

**Where they have hurt us or fallen short of our expectations, may we learn from them, that we might not repeat their mistakes.**

**May the honor we convey toward our mothers reflect the honor that we feel toward you. 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

*MOTHER*  
*Peggy Laing & Anita Chops (8:30)*

*We Are a Family*  
*Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by M. McDonald

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

TAWA 2013; pg. 111

**Glory to you, O God, for the great things you have done.  
For raising us to new life as Peter raised Tabitha and Jesus raised Lazarus, we are forever grateful.  
And so, in gratitude and praise, we return these gifts to you, that they may be a blessing for others—  
the food of compassion, to those who hunger for mercy;  
the water of justice, to those who thirst for righteousness;  
the comfort of your love, to those who are lost and alone.  
In trust and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation

*Precious LORD, Take My Hand*

UMH #474

Scripture

Acts 9:36-43

Message

Doug Whitecotton

Prayer of Confession

TAWA 2016; pg. 103

**Jesus our LORD, we ask for your forgiveness— for what we have done, but shouldn't have, for what we should have done, but didn't.**

**We yearn to hear your voice, Gentle Shepherd, but listen to our own voices instead.**

**We want to care for our sisters and brothers, to comfort them when they hurt, to give what we have to people who have less, but we choose to hoard our resources and time.**

**Forgive us, LORD, and help us forgive ourselves too.**

**In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

TAWA 2016; pg. 103

Children of God, hear these words of promise: Christ our Shepherd joyfully welcomes us back into the fold of love and freedom, teaching us to know his voice.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Praise and thanks to God! Amen.**

\*Hymn

*Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

TFWS #2140

\*Sending Forth

TAWA 2016; pg. 105

Go forth from this place, as disciples of the risen Christ, to love and serve your neighbor and your God.

Go forth like Peter, Tabitha, and the disciples, to do good and charitable things, and to show others the wonder of our God, who is both Gentle Shepherd and Righteous Lamb.

Go in peace and love! **Amen.**

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

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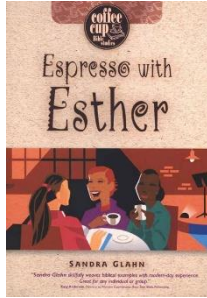
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May 12<sup>th</sup>  
5:00-8:00pm  
Stop by to meet & chat



**Book Study: "Espresso with Esther"**  
5-week study, beginning July 7th at 6:00pm  
Call/email the church office to sign-up

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

**Hygiene Products for Men & Women**

**Shampoo & Conditioner**  
**Bar Soap/Body Wash**  
**Deodorant**  
**Toothpaste**

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:

[nickerson246@gmail.com](mailto:nickerson246@gmail.com)

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The 1st Quarter Giving Statements are ready for pick-up.  
Feel free to stop by during office hours.

See Susi Whitecotton or Sandy Meyer for questions.