

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



August 21, 2022

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

**Call to Worship*

One: Whether shepherd, coach, teacher, parent...

***All:* Christ walks with us all the way.**

One: In lovely fields and in caves of despair,

***All:* Christ walks with us all the way.**

One: With guiding hands and teaching words,

***All:* Christ walks with us all the way.**

One: In the community of faith and on lonely roads,

***All:* Christ walks with us all the way.**

One: Come, my friends, to worship and praise!

***All:* Christ walks with us all the way.**

*Hymn

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

*Opening Prayer

God of love and grace, as you swing wide the gate of welcome this day, strengthen us to walk through the gate of your love and mercy.

Protect us from harm as we lie down in the fields of your mercy and rise again to travel this journey of faith.

Speak to us through your teachings this day, that we may devote ourselves to your guidance and feed on your life-giving word.

In the beloved name of Jesus, our shepherd, 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

Bob Wolfe

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

As we offer these gifts to you, Shepherd of our souls, we thank you for the love flowing through our lives and through these gifts.

May they be filled with your awesome power, that through these gifts, many signs and wonders will be done.

May no one be in need, and may your community of love be established upon this earth.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

UMH #557

“Let’s Talk” Time

Epistle Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Message

Doug Whitecotton

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen LORD.

Words of Assurance

Take heart! Christ is with us, and holds our lives with mercy and grace.
In Christ’s love, we are forgiven indeed.

*Hymn

They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS #2223

*Sending Forth

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the LORD, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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For pastoral care during Pastor Cindy’s absence, please contact Rev. Neil Leftwich or Rev. Debra Dague.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

H.O.C.

PEANUT BUTTER

JELLY

CEREAL (any variety)

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".



Sunday, August 21st at 6:00pm

Meet at Bridge Street Middle School

Please join us as we carpool to local schools to pray over the buildings and
coming school year.

Bridge Street MS, Elm Grove Elementary, Steenrod Elementary, Triadelphia MS and
Wheeling Park HS.



It's been over two years and the quiet little town of Elm Grove has remained relatively.....quiet.

But on **October 8th, 2022** that will all change!!!!

For one night only, a very special red-carpet event will take place.

**“Mischief, Mirth, and Mayhem:
A Murder Mystery Retrospective”**
is coming to Elm Grove United Methodist Church!

Enjoy canape's, hors d'oeuvres, and beverages while mingling with the stars of the AMEN Players.

Relive some of the love, romance, action, adventure, and of course, laughs from previous years.

Be a part of this special celebration marking the return of the AMEN Players to the extensive list of activities at Elm Grove United Methodist Church.

Doors open at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$10.00 per person.

Tickets available from one of the members of the Mission Committee or contact the church office. See you there!



If you would like to send Cindy a card, please send it to the parsonage and someone will get it to her. If you need the address, contact Molly in the office.