

# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



September 4, 2022

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

*“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”*  
*Sung by: Jane Gracey, Wayne McCord & Anita Chops*

by S. Temple

\*Call to Worship

*One:* Worriers of the world, unite! Bring your cares and concerns, your anxieties and greatest fears!

Bring those things that make you toss on your beds, or that tie your stomach in knots!  
Bring your torments! Bring your misgivings! Bring your troubles, and everything you dread!

Heap them in huge mountains of distress, at the feet of the living God.  
Watch and see if God is faithful in all things.

***All:* Look at the birds of the air! Our heavenly Father feeds them.**

**Consider the lilies of the field! God clothes them in glory that exceeds Solomon’s finest.**

*One:* Are you not more valuable than birds? Will not God care more for you than for grass?

You of little faith, let your worries go!

Strive first for the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well!

\*Hymn

*“Come, We That Love the Lord”*

UMH #732

\*Opening Prayer

**LORD, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together.**

**Confirm in us the truth by which we wrongly turn.**

**We ask not for what we want but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

*"Morning Has Broken"*

by E. Farjeon

*Sung by: Jane Gracey, Wayne McCord & Anita Chops*

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Here, LORD, we put our love into practice.**

**These gifts we offer came from your love for us.**

**Now, let them express our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them.**

**Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation

*"Change My Heart, O God"*

TFWS #2152

"Let's Talk" Time

\*Gospel Lesson

Luke 12:27-28

Message

*"It is You That I Love!"*

Rev. Debra Dague

*Call to Confession*

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare.  
When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed.  
People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has  
become for us a consuming fire of judgement.  
Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ,  
the light of the world. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

In faith, we call out to a loving and forgiving God, seeking to put aside our old life and put on Christ.  
God surely answers our prayers.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Great Thanksgiving

\*Hymn

*"O How He Loves You and Me"*

TFWS #2108

\*Sending Forth

LORD, here we stand with the whole city gathered at our door waiting for our Sunday celebrations to end, hoping that we will notice that there is a community outside these walls longing for healing, help, and hope.  
As we walk through these doors, help us to worship and work with our eyes open so that we might love and feel and even ache with our neighbors.  
When tomorrow comes, let worship continue to flow through our hands, testifying to your love and greatness. **Amen.**

\*Postlude

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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

## BLESSING BOX

Non-Perishable Food Items

\*ABSOLUTELY NO EXPIRED OR OPENED ITEMS  
WILL BE 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".



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.



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

But on **October 8<sup>th</sup>, 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!



**CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER**

**September 30, 2022**

**4:00pm to 6:30pm**

**MENU:** Chicken Ala-King over biscuit, Green Beans,  
Jell-O Salad, Dessert & Beverage

**Adults \$10.00, Children (under 10) \$7.00**

**EAT IN/TAKE OUT**