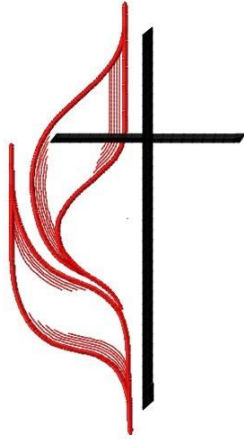


# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



October 16, 2022

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

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

\*Call to Worship

*One:* Christ says, "Follow me."

***All:* We're almost ready.**

*One:* Christ says, "Bear fruit of the Spirit."

***All:* We're waiting for the harvest.**

*One:* Christ says, "Pick up my mantle and proclaim my name."

***All:* We're a little tongue-tied.**

*One:* Trust the one who calls you. You are ready.

***All:* We will not leave you, LORD. Lead on.**

\*Hymn

*"Only Trust Him"*

UMH #337

\*Opening Prayer

**As the sun rises, so does our prayer, loving God.**

**With each new dawn, renew our trust in you, our delight to do justice, and our gladness to be in your presence. Amen.**

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

**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

*"Jesus Loves Me"  
Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by J. Raney

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"Give Thanks"*

TFWS #2036

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God, receive our gifts, and transform them by your love into the means to show forth your kingdom in this world. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation

*"God Will Take Care of You"*

UMH #130

"Let's Talk" Time

Hebrew Bible Lesson

2 Chronicles 20:12 thru 21:12

Message

*"The Battle is God's"*

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

**God of all creation, you are pure and holy.**

**You created a perfect environment and beautiful beings for your pleasure. All of this was good.**

**Yet today we find ourselves in an imperfect world, and we confess that the sin in our own lives separates us from your will and your ways.**

**Forgive us, LORD, for making choices contrary to your purposes, for refusing to live by your guidance, for failing to trust that your ways are in place with our wellbeing in mind.**

**Give us the power through your Holy Spirit to turn from our willfulness and trust you alone for our rule of life.**

**Through Christ, our LORD. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

People of God, Jesus Christ has set us free!

In his love, we are truly free!

Blessed by God's forgiveness and grace, we walk with the Spirit in newness of life.

Reception of New Members

\*Hymn

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

UMH #529

\*Sending Forth

May the God who made heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the gospel.

The grace of God be with you all, now and always. **Amen.**

\*Postlude

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**or**

**Rev. Debra Dague.**

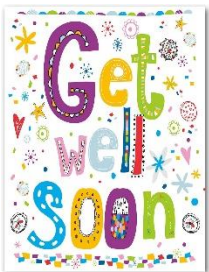
# MISSION OF THE MONTH

## UNDIE SUNDAYS



**All sizes from boys to girls, men to women**  
**(\*Please, no thong underwear)**

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.



**TRUNK OR TREAT IS BACK!**  
October 30th, 6:00-7:00pm

WE ARE IN NEED OF LOTS & LOTS OF CANDY!!!

\*Please, place your donations in the basket by the office.

Also, please consider decorating your car/truck/motorcycle/boat/ATV (whatever you have), and help hand out candy to the youth of Elm Grove.

This is a great way to interact with our community and let people know we are here!

\*\*Sign-up sheet is on the welcome table in the Narthex or call the office.

*Thank you for helping us reach the youth of this community!*



**November 20, 2022**  
One Worship Service - 11:00am  
Covered Dish Luncheon  
*The Suzie Hewitt Memorial*  
*Sweets Auction*  
1:00pm