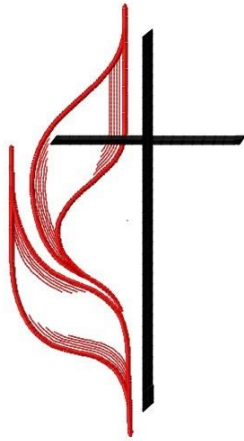


Elm Grove United Methodist Church



October 9, 2022

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

***Call to Worship**

One: Sing loud and long. Make noises of joy.

***All:* Sing glory to God on high!**

One: Remembering burdens of trouble, and journeys of sorrow,

***All:* we come in prayer and praise.**

One: Listening to Christ's call to faith and hope,

***All:* we answer with lives of service and love.**

One: Let us worship in gratitude and praise this day.

***Hymn**

"Lord, Speak to Me"

UMH #463

***Opening Prayer**

**Author of hope and renewal, though our bodies grow weak and our spirits faint within us,
your word is not chained, but leads us ever forward.**

**Teach us to bloom where we are planted and to pray for the welfare of all, that our hope may
be kindled and our faith may be strengthened.**

In gratitude and deep joy, we pray. Amen

*Statement of Faith

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come.

We follow Christ, who comes to us from God, and reveals God to us.

He heals people and transforms lives, and calls us to join in his ministry.

He was crucified, died, and was raised by God, and reigns over all Creation; and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world.

We live by the Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the Body of Christ, God's holy universal church.

We are confident in the forgiveness of sin, the power of resurrection and the reality of eternal life.

In all things it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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

*"Jubilant Song of Praise"
Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by J. Martin

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Thank you, Lord"

UMH #84

*Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we are witnesses of your love and grace.

Your power is a wonder to behold.

For the healing in our lives, we thank you.

For the power of your Spirit within us, we praise you.

Receive these gifts as signs of our thanks and praise.

Receive our very lives, for we are your servants, and you are our God. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

UMH #175

"Let's Talk" Time

Epistle Lesson

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Prayer of Confession

Awesome God, have mercy on us.

Guide us through the fires of temptation, and save us from the floods of selfishness.

Lift us from the burden of despair— despair that would prevent us from walking forth as your people and answering your call.

Heal us, O Jesus, as you healed the lepers of old.

Forgive us, O God, and plant your seeds of forgiveness in our lives and in our church, that we might forgive, even as we are forgiven.

Build us into your body of Christ, in this time and place. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Build houses and live in them.

Plant gardens and eat your fill.

God is with us even in our most distant journeys.

Christ can heal us, even in our deepest despair.

Get up and go on your way. Your faith has made you well!

*Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH #89

*Sending Forth

One: Sow seeds of faith and hope, and bloom where you are planted.

***All:* We will care for our neighbors, and bear the fruit of kindness and compassion.**

One: Grow with the power of God’s Spirit, and bloom with the love of Christ.

***All:* We will offer Christ’s mercy, and help a hurting world be made well. Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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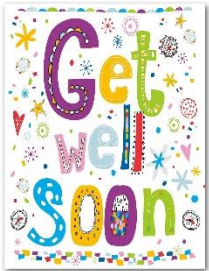
MISSION OF THE MONTH

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!