Elm Grove United Methodist Church



October 30, 2022

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

One: When we have to climb a tree to look for help, Christ proclaims:

All: I am coming to your house today!

One: When we feel lost, and have nowhere to turn, Christ assures us:

All: I am coming to your house today!

One: Christ is coming. Christ is with us even now.

All: Worship the LORD with joy and praise!

*Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us"

UMH #398

*Opening Prayer

Dear God, it is so easy to get discouraged by the news in our community, across our country, and around the globe.

Everywhere we look, we hear of violence, conflict, and injustice.

Like the prophets of old, we want to cry out: "Hurry up and change the world, God!"

And then we look at our own lives and realize you are calling us to hurry up and change the world.

As we encounter Christ in our worship this hour, may our lives be transformed; may we leave this place eager to share your blessings, your justice, and your love with a world yearning for a new way of living. 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 Keeps Me Singing" Chancel Choir (11:00)	by J. Martin
Presentation of our Gifts *Doxology	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication God of amazing grace, you have given us everything, including our very lives. Though we cannot earn your love, you give it to us freely. And so we thank you. Receive our gifts, as expressions of our thanksgiving and praise, and our commitment to live as you intend. We pray in the name of the one who offers salvation to all, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation	"Amazing Grace"	UMH #378
"Let's Talk" Time		
*Gospel Lesson		Luke 19:1-10
Message		Doug Whitecotton

Call to Confession Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor, trusting in the mercy of our LORD. Prayer of Confession

God of new beginnings, come to us in our need, for we are weary and afraid; hear our pleas for mercy, for we are beaten down by hatred and violence; respond to our longing for friendship, for we are lonely and depressed.

God of endless love, visit our hearts this day, and shower us with forgiveness and mercy, that our lives may be mended and set on the path of salvation, through the glory of your Son.

Words of Assurance

Christ came to save the least and the lost. Christ came to save the hopeful and the expectant— those who long for fullness of life. Today, salvation has come to this house of worship, for in Christ, we are God's beloved children, forgiven and made whole, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Hymn

"Living for Jesus"

TFWS #2149, v. 1 & 3

*Sending Forth

In the name of God, our Father, who gives us everything we need...

In the name of Christ Jesus, our Master, whose love transforms us...

In the name of the Holy Spirit, whose power strengthens our faith and increases our love...

Let us go in peace. Let us go with God. Let us go to transform the world. Amen.

*Postlude

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





GIFT CARDS for VETERANS

WALMART or KROGER gift cards only.

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

It's not too late to 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

<u>One</u> Worship Service - 11:00am Covered Dish Luncheon The Suzie Hewitt Memorial Sweets Auction 1:00pm



To join the Evangelism Council for Charge Conference. November 6th at 1:00pm.

