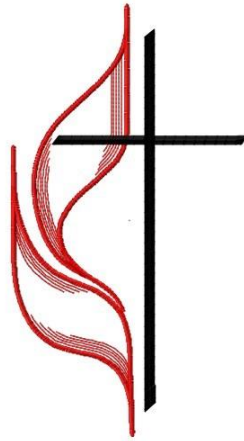


# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



October 23, 2022

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

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

\*Call to Worship

*One:* God is holy and worthy of praise.

***All:* Our ancestors trusted God and were delivered in their time of need.**

*One:* Although we often feel alone and tested,

***All:* God has cared for us from the womb.**

*One:* Come. Let us worship a God of infinite possibilities and boundless love.

\*Hymn

*"I Will Call upon the Lord"*

TFWS #2002

\*Opening Prayer

**O God, our God, sometimes we feel that you are hiding from us; sometimes we feel that you demand too much; sometimes we feel challenged beyond endurance.**

**In this time of worship, may we hear not only words of challenge, but also words of comfort and promise.**

**May we see that Jesus understands our needs and what we are going through; and in this seeing, may we find hope and grace in times of need. 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

*"Walk Along Beside Me, O Lord"*  
*Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by D. Besig

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"Bless Thou the Gifts"*

UMH #587

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We come to the throne of grace to offer ourselves and our material resources, trusting in your promises, O God.**

**Receive our offerings, especially our fears and doubts and questions, that we may be made whole again through your love and mercy. Amen.**

\*Hymn of Preparation

*"How Great Thou Art"*

UMH #77

"Let's Talk" Time

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Exodus 8:1-11

Message

*"Name your Frog"*

Rev. Debra Dague

*Call to Confession*

Assured that the One who calls us to hear and obey already knows the confessions of our hearts and is ready to forgive, let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, comfort us when we wander into exile and find ourselves lost and alone.  
Forgive us when we wander from your gracious love and find ourselves falling into sin.  
In Christ Jesus, reconcile us to yourself, and bring us back into your loving embrace.  
Revive our souls, strengthen our faith, and bless us with your holy calling, that we may be  
inspired to live your calling, and trust in your grace, all the days of our lives.  
In Christ's mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

God did not give us a spirit that is timid, but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.  
Trust in the power of this good news: God's grace is ours through Christ Jesus, who has destroyed  
both death and sin.  
In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and made anew.

\*Hymn

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

TFWS #2008

\*Sending Forth

Even in the midst of doubts, questions, and testing, God is with us always.  
Even in times of trial, Jesus understands what we are going through and is with us through it all.  
Even when we feel abandoned and alone, the Spirit comforts us with words of mercy, grace, and  
love.  
Go, proclaiming: With God, all things are possible. **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

## 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