

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



November 13, 2022

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

***Call to Worship**

One: From our busy lives, God calls us together to worship and to pray.

***All:* We are here, Holy One!**

One: From different places, Christ calls us to gather, to love, and to live.

***All:* We are here, blessed Jesus!**

One: From unexpected journeys, the Spirit calls us into unity to serve and to grow.

***All:* We are here, Holy Spirit!**

One: Come! Let us worship.

***Hymn**

“Jesu, Jesu”

UMH #432

***Opening Prayer**

Loving God, from the very beginning you have journeyed with your people.

Journey with us, this day, as we learn what it means to follow you.

Open our ears to your holy word.

Open our hearts to your love and compassion.

Open our hands to receive your grace and to share it with others.

Enable us to faithfully claim the name, “Christian,” as we strive to follow the ways and teachings of Jesus, the Christ.

Empower us with your Holy Spirit, as we worship you and serve one another.

In your holy name, we pray. 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

"The Whisper of My Heart"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by S. Farrar

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of mercy, we bring these gifts to you in thankfulness for all that you have done for us. May our gratitude turn into acts of mercy and justice, both near and far. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

UMH #402 (8:30)

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

TFWS #2171 (11:00)

"Let's Talk" Time

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 10:25-42

Message

"Where Did You Put Your Ice Cream Cone?"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, you offer us love and mercy, grace and forgiveness, yet we often turn away from you.

We live our lives according to what we want, not according to what you want for us.

We forget to care for one another.

We neglect your invitation to join you in an intimate relationship.

We fail to place you at the center of our lives.

We do not live our lives in response to your love and your grace.

Forgive us, O God.

Help us put you first in all that we do, that we may dwell in your mercy and love, all the days of our lives. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Brothers and sisters, we are offered forgiveness and mercy through Christ.
Accept this gift and go forth bearing fruit for God!

*Hymn

"The Summons"

TFWS #2130

*Sending Forth

Brothers and sisters, as we leave this place, may our lives be centered on God, and may our actions be examples of Christ's love and mercy. Go in peace. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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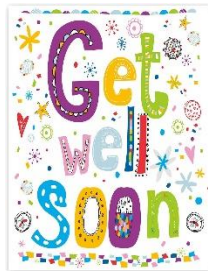
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For pastoral care during Pastor Cindy's absence, please contact

Rev. Neil Leftwich

or

Rev. Debra Dague.



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.

MISSION OF THE MONTH



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".



November 20, 2022

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



WE NEED HELP

November 13th beginning at 4:00pm.

It truly takes an army to decorate this church
for the Advent season.

If you can spare ANY time at all, please join us.
All ages welcome.

See Anita Chops for questions.