

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



November 20, 2022

Welcome

Prelude

"A Family of Love"
Chancel Choir & duet with Todd & Joyce Kimpel

by M. McDonald

*Call to Worship

One: God, you rescue us when we become lost.

***All:* You gather us from wayward paths.**

One: You bind up our injuries,

***All:* and strengthen us when we're weak.**

One: We know that you are our God,

***All:* for we are your people.**

One: You love us through thick and thin!

***All:* And so, we come into your presence this day with praise and singing!**

*Hymn

"How Majestic Is Your Name"

TFWS #2023

*Opening Prayer

LORD of the morning I awake to this new day with all of its possibilities, its uncertainties, its many faces, and its underlying mystery.

May I be able— in your strength— to move through this day free of anger or bitterness, so that when I meet my neighbor or encounter the stranger, I may recognize your face. 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

"We Come to Say Thank You"
Chancel Choir

by P. Choplin

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"What Gift Can We Bring"

UMH #87, v.3

*Prayer of Dedication

LORD God, let me give until it helps the poor and needy, let me love until it changes the abused and doubtful, and let me serve until it blesses the least and the oppressed through my tithe, time, talent, and testimony. Amen.

*Hymn of Preparation

"There's a Spirit in the Air"
(verses: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6)

UMH #192

"Let's Talk" Time

*Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-45

Message

Rev. Neil Leftwich

Call to Confession

Jesus loves us and frees us from our sins; therefore, let us confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Sovereign Christ, Shepherd King, you seek the lost and the hurting, the strayed and the weary.

We can see you kneeling beside the injured, and we ask for your strong and tender hand to bind up our injuries, and carry us to safety.

We also ask your forgiveness when we have injured others and scattered the weak, when we have forgotten that *we* are your strong and tender hands in this world.

Forgive us, and renew us, that we may accomplish your saving work in the world. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Because of this love, we are forgiven.

Because of this love, we receive the rich and glorious inheritance of God's life and power.

Through Jesus our sovereign, who sits at the right hand of God, we receive life beyond measure.

Give thanks to God!

*Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

UMH #102

*Sending Forth

Sisters and brothers, whom will you see this week?

What will they need? Will you dare to see their need and love them with the love of Christ?

In Christ's name go and be good news!

We are sent in Christ's name! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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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".



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



THANK YOU!!

Everyone who came out to decorate last Sunday,
we are blessed and grateful for all of your hard work.
The church looks beautiful!



November 23 & 24th