

# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



**January 1, 2023**

**Epiphany of the LORD**

Welcome  
Prelude

Anita Chops

**\*Call to Worship**

*One:* Arise, shine, for your light has come.

***All:* The glory of the LORD shines like the sun.**

*One:* Behold, the nations have come to witness God's light.

***All:* Kings have come to behold Christ's brightness.**

*One:* Lift up your eyes and look around.

***All:* The glory of the LORD has come.**

**\*Hymn**

*"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"*

UMH #240

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Glorious God, grant us the courage to follow Christ's natal star, wherever your light would lead us;**

**grant us the wisdom to follow the kings of old, as they left the safety of their homes to find the infant Jesus;**

**grant us the purity of heart, to forsake the glitter of things that do not endure, and embrace the brightness of your glory. 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.*

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"To God Be the Glory"*

UMH #98, v.1

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Merciful God, may your justice roll down like waters, may your righteousness flow like an ever-flowing stream.**

**May these gifts and offerings be an answer to your call—**

**a call to deliver the needy, rescue the weary, and defend the poor and the defenseless. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*"We Three Kings"*

UMH #254

Scripture

Meditation

\*Hymn

*"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

UMH #251

\*Sending Forth

*One:* Go forth as a light to the nations.

**All: We go forth, following the star of Christ's birth.**

*One:* Go forth as a people of blessing.

**All: We go forth, proclaiming hope to the poor and needy.**

*One:* Go forth as a light to the nations.

**All: We go forth, with God's blessings. Amen.**

\*Postlude

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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



Warm Winter Clothing Items  
Hats, mittens, scarves, long 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".



**December 22-January 2**



**January 13 & 14, 6:00pm**

See any cast member or the church office for tickets.

Adults \$15.00 & Children (under 8) \$8.00

Get your tickets before they sell out!



**Join us January 29th!**

**One worship service at 11:00am**

**Followed by,**

**Covered-dish luncheon, fellowship & fun!**