

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



January 29, 2023

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

One: With what shall we come before God this day?

***All:* With love and justice, with compassion and kindness.**

One: With what shall we worship the LORD this day?

***All:* With humility and mercy, with faithfulness and righteousness.**

One: Come into God's presence, not as perfect beings, but as people of hope and blessing.

***All:* Blessed are the poor in spirit. Blessed are the meek and the merciful. Blessed are the sorrowful and those who dream of peace and righteousness.**

One: Bring your dreams. Bring your sorrows. For all are welcome here!

*Hymn

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"

UMH #469

*Opening Prayer

O Holy One, born of the assurance that our worship need not be fancy, our offerings need not be huge, and our lives need not be perfect, we come seeking your blessing.

May we see your presence blessing our lives and the lives around us.

Bless us all, O God, that we may walk humbly with you, seeking justice and loving kindness, every day of our lives.

Bless us, Source of Blessing, that we may bless your world. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

UMH #895

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

Special Music

"Follow the Way of the Lord"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by L. Larson

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Blessed One, we discover such a contrast to our present culture when we read the Beatitudes. We rejoice that these generous gifts will strengthen this congregation's ability to engage in ministries of peace, mercy, comfort, and truth.

We dedicate them to you in gratitude for your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

UMH #454

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

Message

Doug Whitecotton

*The Apostle's Creed

UMH #881

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our LORD:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

TFWS #2184

*Sending Forth

What does the LORD require of you as you go from this place but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God?

In the name of Jesus Christ, go to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Postlude

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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".

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“Yard” Sale

March 24th - 4:30 to 7:30pm
March 25th - 8:30am to 4:00pm

Tables are still available.
\$15/table
(*checks payable to “Troop 29”)

Sign-up in the Narthex or call the office.

All proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop 29

THINK SPRING!!!

The Stewardship Committee is running the annual plant & flower sale this year.

Vegetable & Herb plants (6-packs)
Succulent Combos (6-packs)
Landscape Flats (36-packs)
Hanging Baskets (12-inch)
Color Bowls (11-inch)

Order forms can be found on the Welcome Desk
Or
You can call the office or see Susi Whitecotton.

Sale ends April 2nd!!!

Plants will arrive between May 18-28th.



The Girl Scouts are selling yummy, scrumptious cookies again!

The order form is on the Welcome Desk

Place your order today!