

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome
Prelude

Anita Chops

Gathering Words

God is always doing a new thing— creating a new day, calling us to new life, showing us a new path. Even as we journey toward the cross with Jesus, God calls us to reach forward into the journey that lies ahead.

*Hymn

“Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine”

UMH #606

*Opening Prayer

**God of new beginnings and faithful endings, walk with us into this new year.
Show us the majesty of your presence, that we may walk forth in light and hope.
As we listen to your word, help us learn the lesson of contrasts.
Help us recognize your presence in every aspect of life—
birth and death, tears and laughter, losing and finding, waging war and establishing peace.
God of all, guide us to walk with you into this new year with hearts full of expectant longing.
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

*"Like a Mighty Stream"
Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by J. Jacobson

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"My Tribute"

UMH #99

*Prayer of Dedication

God of new beginnings, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus.

We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

As we place an offering upon your altar, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire.

Help us live this New Year with your peace ruling our hearts.

We are so thankful! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

UMH #117, v.1-5

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 3:12-16

Message

"Victory or Defeat?"

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

Trusting in the promise of grace, let us pour out our hearts before God.

Prayer of Confession

Ancient and Future God, forgive us when we sink so deeply in our past, that we miss moments of grace in the present.

Help us shed the regrets and sorrows of this past year, even as we build on the joys and growth we have discovered along the way.

Guide our steps, that we might move forward as children of faith and hope.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

To everything there is a season.

As forgiven children of God, we are invited to enter a season of healing and leave the time of brokenness behind.

*Hymn

"God of the Ages"

UMH #698

*Sending Forth

One: God leads us into a new day on a new path.

***All:* We look ahead and see a new way.**

One: Christ travels this road with us.

***All:* We go on this journey with Christ.**

One: God is doing great things for us.

***All:* We go forth, rejoicing with hope. Amen.**

*Postlude

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For pastoral care please contact:

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or

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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".



Deadline is January 27th.
Please send articles to Joyce Kimpel



Join us January 29th!

One worship service at 11:00am

Followed by,

Covered-dish luncheon, fellowship & fun!

EGUMC

“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