

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



February 19, 2023

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

One: Climb the mountain of God and wait... wait for God's glory, which shines like the sun.

***All:* We will climb the mountain of God and wait for the dawn.**

One: Climb the mountain of God and wait... wait to see Jesus as he truly is.

***All:* We will climb the mountain of God and wait for Christ to reveal the heart of God.**

One: Climb the mountain of God and wait... wait to gain courage for the terror of the night.

***All:* We will climb the mountain of God and wait for the Spirit to dispel the darkness.**

One: Climb the mountain of God and wait... wait to behold God's glory.

***All:* We will climb the mountain of God and wait to see God's light shining like the sun.**

*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

*Opening Prayer

God of power and wonder, we are awestruck by the glory of your presence.

We rejoice at what we can see; we marvel at what we cannot see.

You dazzle us with your brightness; you overshadow us as with a great cloud.

Loving, protecting, challenging, nurturing, you strengthen and transform us.

May we love and serve you in all that we are and do.

Glory be to you. 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

"More Precious Than Silver Medley"
Jane Gracey (8:30)

by M. Parks

"America- Our Heritage"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by H. Steele

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Light of Light, in the midst of our gloom and despair, you have blessed us with your radiance and your love.

Illumine these gifts, that the world may see your light shining in today's offering.

Illumine our very lives, that our souls may be radiant like Christ shining with power upon the mountaintop. Amen.

*Hymn

"Holy Ground"

TFWS #2272

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9

Message

"No Stopping"

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

Let us gather before our shining Savior to confess our sins that we might be forgiven.

Prayer of Confession

Mighty God, we envy Moses and Peter, James and John for their privileged journey up your holy mountain.

We imagine ourselves faring better than they, as they fell to the ground in terror in the presence of your glory.

But we're not sure.

Would we have the courage of Moses to wait a week for your appearance, while shrouded in cloud and mist?

Would we have the fortitude to endure for forty days in the presence of power that coursed like a devouring fire?

Test our hearts, O God.

Call us up your mountain, that we might face our fears and prove ourselves worthy of your holy calling. Amen.

Words of Assurance

With tenderness and grace, Jesus says to us: *"Get up and do not be afraid."*

In the light of the one who was transfigured to show us the power and glory of God, we are forgiven and offered strength for the journey.

*Hymn

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

UMH #404

*Sending Forth

Go now, and speak of what you have seen of God's glory.

Do not cling to the holy moments when heaven overshadows you, but as the LORD lives, listen to Christ and follow him from the places of revelation to the places of mission.

And may God shine the light of glory into your hearts.

May Christ be with you and never leave you.

And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

Bridge Street Middle School Food Bags

Items needed:

Individual - Microwaveable cups of Mac & Cheese
Individual - Microwaveable cups of Mashed Potatoes

Pop-Tarts, any variety

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".

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

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!!!

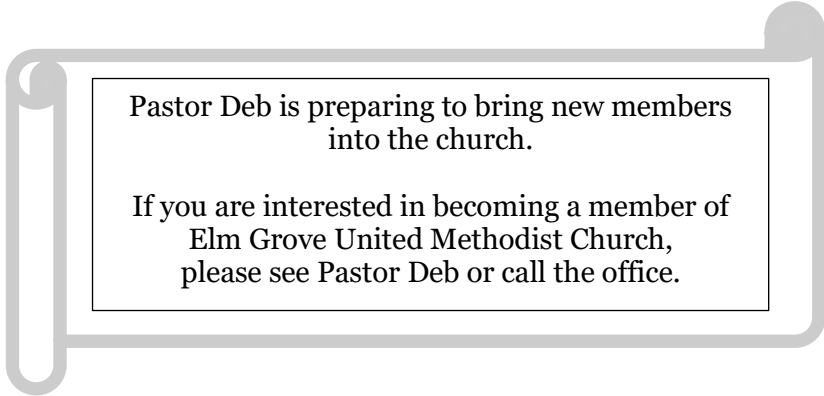
Plants will arrive between May 18-28th.



The Girl Scouts are selling yummy, scrumptious cookies again!

The order form is on the Welcome Desk

Place your order today!



Pastor Deb is preparing to bring new members
into the church.

If you are interested in becoming a member of
Elm Grove United Methodist Church,
please see Pastor Deb or call the office.