Elm Grove United Methodist Church



February 5, 2023

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome

Prelude Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

One: You are the salt of the earth.

All: May we season the world with faithfulness, O God.

One: You are the light of the world.

All: May your love shine through us, O Christ our Savior.

One: You are a city built on a hill.

All: May your vigor make us bold witnesses, O Spirit of the only living God.

*Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

TFWS #2153

*Opening Prayer

Light of the World, shine upon us, that we may glimpse your wisdom this day.

Love of all creation, flow through us, that we may be filled with your compassion and grace. Flavor and spice of life, salt us with your truth, that we may spread your justice and love into all the corners of the earth.

In the light of your love, we pray. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music "Amazing

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)" Chancel Choir (11:00) by Tomlin & Giglio

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of light and love, shine through these offerings, that our love may radiate throughout the world.

Make bright the hope of justice and mercy in places of darkness and fear.

Guide our paths, that we may always be lights of compassion for a world in need. Amen.

*Hymn "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

UMH #206

Gospel Lesson Matthew 5:13-20

Message Doug Whitecotton

Call to Confession

When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare.

When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed.

People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

One: Your light has filled our lives, but we have not shared it with others.

All: LORD, have mercy on us.

One: You have marked us as your own in baptism, but we have not lived as your faithful people.

All: Christ, have mercy on us.

One: You have called us to be a light to the nations, but we have hidden our light under a bushel.

All: LORD, have mercy on us.

One: Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may live out our baptism as your new creation, forgiven and made whole by your matchless love in Jesus Christ our LORD.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Words of Assurance

Christ guides us continually, blessing and strengthening us with grace to walk in God's ways. Receive the gift of forgiveness, that you may water the world with the same mercy and compassion you have experienced in Christ Jesus!

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13-14

*Hymn

"We All Are One in Mission"

TFWS #2243

*Sending Forth
You are the light of the world!
You are the salt of the earth!
Go forth with compassion, mercy, and grace.
Go forth with confidence, strength, and hope, shining for all to see!
Amen.

*Postlude Anita Chops

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".

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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 will be on vacation Feb. 4-11.

If you need pastoral care, please call the office and Molly will put you in touch with Rev. Neil Leftwich.

Pastor Deb will officially be in the office beginning February 16th and she will begin preaching February 19th.