

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday in Lent

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

One: Drink the living waters...

***All:* the living waters of faith in Christ.**

One: Taste the bread of life...

***All:* the grace and love of God.**

One: Come to the well of wisdom...

***All:* where thirst for righteousness is quenched.**

One: Come, let us worship in spirit and truth.

*Hymn

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

UMH #127

*Opening Prayer

Our hearts are full of praise, O God, because of your wonderful works.

You are almighty, the King of Creation, over which you rule with kindness and justice.

You prosper and sustain us so that we can serve you in your Kingdom now and through eternity.

Come, Holy Spirit. Help us worship the Father in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ, our LORD. 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

Special Music

Chancel Choir (11:00)

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God.

**May they spring forth as living waters— waters of life, grace, and hope for a world in need.
Amen.**

*Hymn

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

on screen only

Gospel Lesson

John 4:5-42

Message

"The Living Water"

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

Jesus asks a Samaritan woman of divorce and disrepute to give him a drink of water.

In return, Jesus offers her waters of eternal life.

Like her, we too are invited to drink of Christ's grace and talk with our God— no matter our history, no matter our shortcomings.

Come to the living water. Christ will hear our prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, grant us the water of your grace.

Flow through our sins and our sorrows with your mercy and your love.

Forgive us, restore us, renew us, and reclaim us.

Spring forth in us, that we may move forward in faith, forgiven and free, to follow your path and proclaim your love.

Words of Assurance

Come and see!

Christ knows our actions and forgives us still.

We are forgiven and made new in Christ!

*Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH #89

*Sending Forth

Pastor: With excitement and joy, go forth to proclaim God’s love.

All: God has done great things for us!

Pastor: With hope and faith, go forth to share the water of life.

All: Christ has done great things for us, offering love to share with all! Amen.

*Postlude

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter

2-in-1 Shampoo/Conditioner

Body Wash

Deodorant

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.



March 14th
6:00pm



March 26th at 11:00am
Followed by a covered-dish luncheon