

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



March 19, 2023

4th Sunday in Lent

Welcome
Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

Leader: LORD, set your blessing on us as we begin this day together.

***All:* Confirm in us the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn.**

Leader: We ask not for what we want but for what you know we need,

***All:* as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

*Hymn

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

UMH #57

*Opening Prayer

God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call: for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power.

Lead us in our time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in places where life is at risk— places where hope seems far away, places where dreams die during sleep.

When we leave these walls, help us live the teachings we proclaim within this place of worship, 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

"Sinner Saved by Grace"
Soloists: Brian McCullough & Wayne McCord
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by M. McDonald

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH #98, v.1

*Prayer of Dedication

From your hands, O God, come the blessings that make life possible, even the very gift of life itself.

In gratitude and thanks, receive from our hands this portion of our labors.

By your Spirit's leading, may we use these gifts to bless the life of others with the assurance of love, the promise of hope, and the course of justice.

This we do to your glory. Amen.

*Hymn

"Spirit Song"

UMH #347

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:5-6

Message

"You Are Allowed to Change Your Mind!"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

Caretaker of our souls, strengthen our spirit to resist the allures of prestige and status, that we might not pierce ourselves with the arrows of earthly passion.

Grant us the confidence to bloom where we are planted, that righteousness and peace might flower in our lives.

Forgive our fear of appearing foolish in the eyes of others, as we experience new growth in your Spirit.

Nurture us with your grace and mercy, and lead us from paths of death and destruction, that we might blossom and bloom as followers of Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Those who abide in the Spirit have been set free.

Those who are in Christ find no condemnation.

As forgiven people made new in God's Spirit, rejoice in the fertile ground of God's love and mercy.

*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

*Sending Forth

Pastor: We are a people loved by God.

All: We will live as signs of this love.

Pastor: We are a people blessed with hope.

All: We will live in light of this hope.

Pastor: May the love of God, the grace of Christ, and the courage of the Spirit, strengthen our faith and set us loose to share God's love with all.

All: Amen and 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 26th at 11:00am
Followed by a covered-dish luncheon



FISH FRY
APRIL 7TH
11:00AM - 6:00PM
OR
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!
EAT - IN/CARRY-OUT