

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



March 26, 2023

5th Sunday in Lent

Welcome
Prelude

Anita Chops

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Christ, our shepherd, calls us here.

***All:* God's gate of love has swung wide!**

Leader: Jesus, our brother, welcomes us home.

***All:* The family of God embraces us all.**

Leader: Our mothering God invites us with love.

***All:* For we are all precious sheep in God's pasture.**

***Hymn**

"Together We Serve"

TFWS #2175

***Opening Prayer**

God of love and grace, as you swing wide the gate of welcome this day, strengthen us to walk through the gate of your love and mercy.

Protect us from harm as we lie down in the fields of your mercy and rise again to travel this journey of faith.

Speak to us through your teachings this day, that we may devote ourselves to your guidance and feed on your life-giving word.

In the beloved name of Jesus, our Shepherd, we pray. 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

"Never Let Us Go"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by R.E. Schram

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Give Thanks"

TFWS #2036

*Prayer of Dedication

As we offer these gifts to you, Shepherd of our souls, we thank you for the love flowing through our lives and through these gifts.

May they be filled with your awesome power, that through these gifts, many signs and wonders will be done.

May no one be in need, and may your community of love be established upon this earth.

In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

UMH #334

Epistle Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Message

Rev. Debra Dague

Reception of New Members

Dave & Rosella Ealy
Cole Hall
Mark & Linda Weese

*Hymn

"We Are the Church"

UMH #558

*Sending Forth

May the love of God surround you.

May the love of God uplift you.

May the love of God stand with you through the challenges ahead.

May the love of God convince you, in every situation, to love.

Go now to love others, even as Christ loves you. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

The House of the Carpenter

Toilet Paper Paper Towels

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".



FISH FRY

APRIL 7TH

11:00AM – 6:00PM

OR

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

EAT-IN/CARRY-OUT

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.

Holy Week Worship Services

April 2nd - Palm Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00am

April 6th - Maundy Thursday
Covered-dish dinner & Communion Service, 6:00pm

April 7th - Good Friday, 7:00pm

April 9th - Easter Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00am