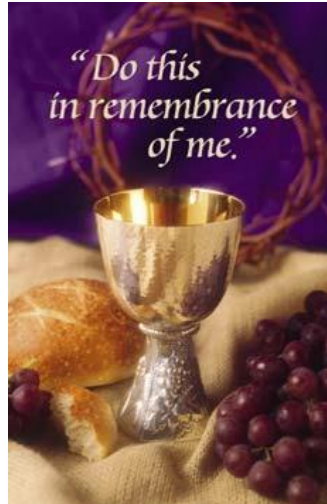


# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



March 5, 2023

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Welcome  
Prelude

*"In Remembrance"*  
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by B. Red

\*Call to Worship

*One:* Forbidden fruit is such a delight to the eye.

***All:* God is our delight.**

*One:* Forbidden pleasures tug at us each day.

***All:* God is our joy.**

*One:* Temptation is everywhere.

***All:* We can live as God intends, through Christ, who strengthens us.**

*One:* Let us sing to the LORD, who saves us from the time of trial.

***All:* Sing to the LORD, our delight and our joy!**

\*Hymn

*"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

UMH #269

\*Opening Prayer

**Faithful Traveler, walk with us as we journey with Christ through the season of Lent; abide with us and strengthen us as we face the many temptations that befall us each and every day. Save us from the time of trial, and send your angels to strengthen us when we consider taking the easy way out.**

**Be our God, and we will be your people— a people raised to newness of life through the gift of your Spirit and the love of your Son. Amen.**

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

*“Who Is He?”*  
*Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by Price/Besig

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*“Bless Thou the Gifts”*

UMH #587

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One of Israel, as we provide loaves of bread for those who hunger, may we be living bread as well, that our offerings may feed the spirit as well as the body; as we seek to bring justice to our world, may we embody faith in your righteous love, that the world may know the source of their hope. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”*

TFWS #2112

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 4:1-11

Message

*“The Devil Made Me Do It!”*

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we do not always face temptation well.**

**We heed the rumblings of our stomachs and settle for loaves of bread when we are starving for the words of life that come from your mouth, O God.**

**We put you to the test, seeking signs of your favor before others when we should “be still” and know that you are God.**

**We place our trust in deceitful leaders who promise us a better and easier life when we should be putting our faith in you alone.**

**Forgive us, O God.**

**In the desert experiences of our lives, help us find ways to resist temptation, that we might be found worthy of your calling, through Jesus Christ, our LORD. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

When we acknowledge our failings before God, God forgives our sin and wipes away our shame. Receive forgiveness and mercy through the free gift of God’s grace in Christ.

Communion

\*Hymn

*“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*

TFWS #2088

\*Sending Forth

*Pastor:* Though life is full of temptation, God will see us through.

**All: We rejoice in the One who strengthens us.**

*Pastor:* Though life is full of times of trial, Christ walks with us every step of the way.

**All: We rejoice in the One who shares our journey.**

*Pastor:* Though life is full of obstacles to faith, the Spirit eases our burden.

**All: We rejoice in the One who leads us home.**

*Pastor:* Go with God.

**All: Amen.**

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

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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”.

# **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 2<sup>nd</sup>!!!

Plants will arrive between May 18-28<sup>th</sup>.

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.



**March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00pm**