

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the LORD!

All: Praise God in the sanctuary.

Leader: Praise God in the vault of heaven.

All: Praise God in the earth and skies.

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD.

All: Shout and sing praises to God.

Leader: We have witnessed God's mighty acts.

All: We have seen the LORD'S greatness.

Leader: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD.

All: Let everything that draws breath praise the LORD!

*Hymn

"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

UMH #317

*Opening Prayer

God of signs and wonders, breathe new life into us this day, that our spirits may awaken to the joy and the hope of our glorious inheritance through the living Christ.

Clear our vision, Holy One, that we may see the promise of Easter in the stirrings of this precious earth and in the life-energy flowing through our bodies.

Help us find the faith to believe where we have not seen, that others may see, in our living and our loving, the glory of the risen Christ. 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

"God Will Take Care of You"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by M. Barrett

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #94

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, our refuge and our strength, we rejoice that you are our chosen portion, you are our cup that overflows to eternal life.

As we celebrate your Easter miracle of bringing life out of death, we express our gratitude and joy for the new life budding within us and all around us.

Bless the gifts we offer you this day, that they may bring hope and new life to a world that clings even now to the illusion of death's victory over the LORD of Life. Amen.

*Hymn

"We Walk by Faith"

TFWS #2196

Gospel Lesson

John 20:19-30

Message

"What Difference Does Easter Make?"

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Must we see you in order to believe you, LORD?

Is seeing truly believing?

Are we to be prisoners of our senses, distrusting and rejecting whatever we cannot see, touch, or hear?

Yet you are faithful— you give sight to the blind, you carry us when we are weary, you call us to your side.

The locked room of our hearts opens at the turn of your key.

Speak your words of life to us again: “Do not doubt, only believe.”

Speak your words of life, that we might live.

Words of Assurance

The peace of God be with you.

Receive God's forgiveness and the promise of the Spirit, for Jesus is risen from the dead.

Seen or unseen, he is present in our midst, and we see the presence of Christ reflected in each other's faces.

Happy are those who have not seen, yet have come to believe.

*Hymn

“Thine Be the Glory”

UMH #308

*Sending Forth

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet walk with you on the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands stretch out your hands to serve.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart open your hearts to love.

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in 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".



Quarter Auction - May 13, 2023

Doors will open at 11:00am and the auction will begin at 12:00pm.

Admission is \$5.00/paddle & additional paddles are \$1.00/each.

Concession Stand, 50/50 Raffle, Chinese Auction & Door Prizes will be available.

Don't miss this fun event!



New Date

TODAY!

12:00-4:00pm

Church parking lot



DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES

APRIL 27TH

***Please give all articles to Joyce Kimpel**