

# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



April 30, 2023

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Welcome  
Prelude

Anita Chops

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* The One who created us, formed and made us, calls us.

**All: We are here to listen and respond.**

*Leader:* God has claimed us and named us beloved.

**All: We rejoice in this transforming identity.**

*Leader:* Touched by the Spirit, washed in the renewing water, and set aflame with God's love, let us worship and praise our beloved God.

\*Hymn

*"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"*

UMH #277

\*Opening Prayer

**God of love, we are named and claimed as Your beloved sons and daughters.**

**Filled with the Spirit, our lives are never the same again.**

**You have called each of us by name, claimed each of us as Your own, and given each of us honor and glory.**

**With such radical love washing over us and through us, we are transformed and strengthened to go out and transform the world. Amen.**

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

Arlington UMC

**God so holy, full of grace, make the world a better place.  
Give us the food we need for today.  
Forgive us our wrongs when we go astray.  
Help us always to do good, and love others, like we should.  
God we love you; we are yours.  
Swing wide open heaven's doors. Amen.**

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

*"In the Hands of the Lord"*  
*Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by P. Choplin

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Jesus said: "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."**

**Precious LORD, your love for us is amazing. You have blessed us in so many ways.**

**The children of this congregation are an extraordinary example of your blessing.**

**We are thankful for the numerous ministries of this church that reach out to children and families.**

**May a portion of this money continue to support those ministries that welcome children in our midst. Amen.**

Baptism

*Archer Warren Kimpel*  
*Parents: Matthew & LJ Kimpel*

(11:00)

The Baptismal Covenant

(11:00)

\*Hymn

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

UMH #141

Gospel Lesson

Luke 18:15-17

Message

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer

Rev. Debra Dague

\*Hymn

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

UMH #191

\*Sending Forth

Beloved children of God, go forth as a holy people:  
people who are named and claimed by our ever loving God;  
people who claim kinship with Jesus;  
people who possess the strength and purpose to carry out God's will through the Spirit who  
enlivens us and accompanies us on our journey. **Amen.**

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

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# MISSION OF THE MONTH

## **The House of the Carpenter**

**Peanut Butter  
&  
Jelly**

Not ready to attend in-person worship,  
but still want to help 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!



**GROOVING IN THE GROVE**

**YMCA FIELD**

**MAY 13th**

**3:00pm - ??**

We need volunteers to help at our table.

This is a fun event and a chance to be visible in our community.

\*See Becky McCullough for details.



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have a GOOD & WORKING  
refrigerator they would be willing to donate to the church?

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