

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



June 4, 2023

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

Centering Words

Leader: Jesus called to his friends as they were rocked by fear: *“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”*

Find shalom and rest in the midst of daily anxiety.

*Hymn

“My Hope Is Built”

UMH #368

*Opening Prayer

Steadfast God of faith and grace, call to us now.

Carry us out of our fears and doubts into the glorious message of your saving love and constant presence.

Walk with us, O God, as we renew our faith, discern your call in our lives, and journey forth as disciples of Christ. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

Bob Wolfe

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, your gifts are indeed great, your works a wonder to behold.

We thank you for the gift of your amazing grace, as we return a portion of these gifts to you.

Bless these gifts, that our giving may become a beautiful message of your love and grace.

In Christ’s glorious name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

“Precious LORD, Take My Hand”

UMH #474

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 14:22-33

Message

“Get Out of the Boat”

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

Take heart! Christ is with us, catching us with grace, even in our desperate sorrows.

Christ is with us, redeeming us with mercy, even from our deepest sins.

Prayer of Confession

Faithful One, reach out to us with your grace and mercy.

Forgive us when we sink into sin, and when we too easily accept our shortcomings.

Forgive us when we do not venture forth when you call us forward in faith.

As we call upon your holy name, reclaim us with your mercy and grace, that we may be your children— forgiven, renewed, and emboldened in the greatness of your living faith.

Words of Assurance

Take heart! Christ is with us, and holds our lives with mercy and grace.

In Christ’s love, we are forgiven indeed.

The Great Thanksgiving (*see insert/screen*)

*Hymn

“Stand By Me”

UMH #512

*Sending Forth

May the God of the journey walk with you— in and out of pits, and in and out of storms.

May our Creator God continue to form you and bless you.

May the God of grace encourage you, this day, and every day, and beyond our days. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

The House of the Carpenter

Breakfast Cereal, any variety

You may drop your donation at the church during regular office hours or Sunday mornings.

Monetary donations are always welcome,
just mark the memo line of your check “Mission Group”.

Shepherding News!!

There will be a Shepherd Team meeting with Pastor Deb
on June 4th at 10:00am, in the back of the sanctuary.

If you are interested in the shepherding team, please join us!



VBS Coming
July 17-20 (*updated)
9:00am – 12:00pm
Grades K-5

Pre-Registration coming soon!

We are still in need of Adult & Teen Help.
Call the office if you or someone you know
would be willing to help.

Christmas Trees

Can we borrow your Christmas tree for VBS?

We are looking for 7ft. trees or smaller to use for props.

Please label your tree box and tag your tree with your name.

Drop-off at the church any Sunday morning or regular office hours.

Trees will be returned promptly after VBS.

Thank You!