

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Prelude

“What a Difference You’ve Made In My Life”
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by A. Jordan

*Gathering Words

Leader: Whether shepherd, coach, teacher, parent...

All: Christ walks with us all the way.

Leader: In lovely fields and in caves of despair,

All: Christ walks with us all the way.

Leader: With guiding hands and teaching words,

All: Christ walks with us all the way.

Leader: In community of faith and on lonely roads,

All: Christ walks with us all the way.

Leader: Come, my friends, to worship and praise!

All: Christ walks with us all the way.

*Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

UMH #92

*Opening Prayer

God of all nations, for creating us in all our diversity, yet calling us together in our common humanity, we offer you our thanks and praise.

Speak to us with your Spirit of Truth.

Reveal to us your loving presence, and guide us to display your loving Spirit in all that we say and in all that we do. 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 Is So Good to Me"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by Sharpe & McDonald

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Give Thanks"

TFWS #2036

*Prayer of Dedication

God of all creation, you offer us so many blessings.

For creating us in your image and entrusting us to reveal your presence throughout the world, we thank you.

Create blessings, even miracles, through the gifts we now bring, that others may sense your abiding presence and know your extravagant love.

In gratitude and hope, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"The Gift of Love"

UMH #408

Scripture Lessons

Esther 4:14
2 Timothy 1:5
Mark 5:25-34
Luke 21:1-4

Message

“A Woman Who Makes a Difference”

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

When we pass through deep waters or go through times of fiery trial, the LORD our God is with us.

With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and glory, shine in our lives, that we may shine in the lives of others.

Strengthen us with the courage of Paul, that we may heal those who are crying out to you.

Guard our lives, that we may be faithful in all that we say and do.

Dawn upon us with wisdom and truth, that we may be instruments of grace and love, proclaiming your glory through our lives.

Words of Assurance

God guards the lives of the faithful, rescuing them from the hands of the wicked.

Light has dawned. Joy and forgiveness are ours through the grace of Jesus Christ.

*Hymn

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

UMH #62, v.1, 4 & 5

*Sending Forth

Bring God’s loving presence to the world.

Be companions of kindness to everyone you meet.

Go forth, trusting that our companion God goes with us, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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July 17-21**

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1st meeting is May 23rd @ 6:00pm