

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

Leader: Spirit of the living God, visit us again on this day of Pentecost.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like a rushing wind that sweeps away all barriers,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Like tongues of fire that set our hearts aflame,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With speech that unites the Babel of our tongues,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With love that overlaps the boundaries of race and nation,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: With power from above to make our weakness strong,

All: Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Hymn

“Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

TFWS #2120

*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

"Come Down, LORD"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by S. Pethel

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*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

"Surely the Presence of the LORD"

UMH #328

Epistle Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-17

Message

"Stand in the Gap"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

Gracious and Almighty God, we have often failed to be receptive to the power of your Holy Spirit.

Fearful of true unity, our words have often confused rather than clarified, hurt rather than healed, and divided rather than united your people.

In your never failing grace, bestow the wondrous gift of your Spirit among us.

Forgive us when we turn away from oneness and wholeness, and save us from the terrible toll of apathy and neglect.

May we constantly sing your praises, honoring Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Words of Assurance

There is no fear, confusion, hurt, or division that cannot be transformed in the name of Jesus Christ. The generous outpouring of the Spirit moves through the people of God like an ever flowing river, washing away sin, and bringing forth unity.

All: Thanks be to God.

*Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

TFWS #2241

*Sending Forth

Rev. Debra Dague (8:30)

“A Song of Parting”
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by Graham & Angerman

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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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?

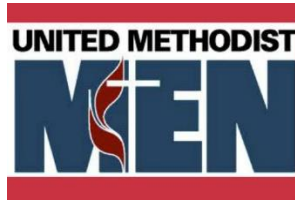
We are looking for 7ft. trees or smaller to use for props.

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!



**The United Methodist Men will meet the 1st Saturday of every month,
beginning June 3rd at 9:00am.**

**Meetings will be held in the Old Fellowship Hall,
coffee & donuts will be provided.**

All men of the church are welcome to attend & participate.

For more info, contact Bill Daniel at 304-231-7545.