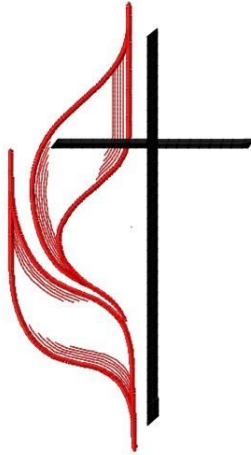


# *Elm Grove United Methodist Church*



**May 7, 2023**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Welcome  
Prelude

Anita Chops

**\*Call to Worship**

*Leader:* The One who loves without distinction calls us here.

***All:* From the highest heavens to the deepest ravine, let all creation praise the LORD.**

*Leader:* The One who loves us calls us into God's future.

***All:* From the rising sun to the waning moon, let all creation praise the LORD.**

*Leader:* The One who loves us calls us still.

***All:* From the new heaven and the new earth, let all creation praise the LORD.**

**\*Hymn**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

UMH #140

**\*Opening Prayer**

**Wipe away our tears, O God, for we are weary of weeping at the injustices of the world.**

**Love us like a mother, and protect us like a father, that we may live as your beloved children in a world made new.**

**Dwell among us, we pray, that we may love one another as we were meant to love. Amen.**



**for which Christ prayed.**

**Remind us again that our adoption has become a reality only by the precious blood of your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**Never let us forget that we are members of your family, not by inheritance, but by loving and grace-filled adoption.**

*Words of Assurance*

Brothers and sisters, Jesus' blood has paid the cost of your sin.

Through Jesus you have become God's children in God's family.

Now live up to the family name that you have been given, by loving God and one another with all of your hearts. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13-14

\*Hymn

*"Since Jesus Came into My Heart"*

TFWS #2140, v.1 & 2

\*Sending Forth

*Pastor:* A new commandment sends us forth...

**All: We are called to love one another.**

*Pastor:* A new vision guides our way...

**All: We are told to see God's acceptance, even of the stranger.**

*Pastor:* A new blessing leads us forward...

**All: We are called to be a blessing to the world. 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 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!



GROOVING IN THE GROVE  
YMCA FIELD  
MAY 13th  
3:00pm - 9:00pm

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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