# Elm Grove United Methodist Church 



May 7, 2023
$5^{\text {th }}$ 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.

Sharing Joys \& Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, \& Tithes

Special Music
"God Is All You Need" Chancel Choir (11:00)

Presentation of our Gifts
*Doxology
"Bless Thou the Gifts"
UMH \#587
*Prayer of Dedication
Bountiful God, you promise that the poor shall eat and be satisfied.
May your promise be fulfilled through the gifts we bring to you this day.
Sanctify our offering, that it may be for the world a sign of your boundless love and your overflowing abundance. Amen.

| *Hymn | "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" | UMH \#526 (8:30) |
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| "For Everyone Born" | on screen (11:00) |  |
| Gospel Lesson | Luke 6:37-38 |  |
| Message | "What Kind of Love are You Dealing With?" | Rev. Debra Dague |

## Call to Confession

Christ our LORD invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession
We often act like we are the only children in your family, God.
Our arrogance has caused divisions where none should be.
We forget that through Christ we have been adopted into the family you have chosen for your own.
And we forget others were adopted from other ethnic groups, and other denominations of the Christian church.
We have not loved them as brothers and sisters should be loved, nor have we loved the unity

## 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
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## The House of the Carpenter

## Peanut Butter

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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.


Do you or someone you know have a GOOD \& WORKING refrigerator they would be willing to donate to the church?

Call the office with details
304-242-1206

