

# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



**June 18, 2023**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Welcome

Prelude

*“Loving God, Loving Each Other”*

by W.J. Gaither

*Gospeleers: Dave Blowers, Todd Kimpel & Brian McCullough*

*Gathering Words*

Faith calls us here, inviting us to leave our fears at the door.

Enter into this time of worship with hope and trust in the God who loves us.

\*Hymn

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

UMH #92, v.1-4

\*Opening Prayer

**Loving God, our LORD Jesus Christ called you Father.**

**Remembering his love for you, we pray today for all human fathers.**

**May they be like Abraham, welcoming you with hospitality and laughter, and receiving in return a legacy of faith for generations to come.**

**May they rely upon your grace as they answer the call of parenting.**

**And may they show to their children the compassion of Jesus Christ, who responds to human suffering and need with limitless love.**

**In Jesus’s name, we pray. Amen.**

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

UMH #895

**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

*"Who Will Sing For Me?"*

by Ralph & Carter Stanley

*Gospeleers: Dave Blowers, Todd Kimpel & Brian McCullough*

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #94

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, what shall we return to you for your great bounty in our lives?**

**Your generosity knows no limits.**

**Your loving compassion pours into our hearts and our very beings.**

**We thank you. We call upon you, trusting your love.**

**We offer you all that we have and all that we are, hoping for your glory and desiring your kingdom. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*"Children of the Heavenly Father"*

UMH #141

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 6:1-4

Message

*"Would People Be Fearless in Meeting Jesus Based on Your Living?"*

*Rev. Debra Dague*

Prayer of Confession

*Pastor:* Creator God, what are we that you should take notice of us; who are we that you should love us so completely?

***All:* You have created us from the stuff of stars, from the building blocks of the universe.**

***You have given us a world in which to live, a home in which to breathe and grow.***

***How carelessly and callously have we treated your creation and one another.***

*Pastor:* In our arrogance, we have lost sight of the goodness you infused into this amazing existence.

***All:* Help us hear your voice anew: in simplicity of a child's laughter, in the sound of the wind moving through the trees.**

***As we gaze at the majesty of the moon and the stars and the wonders of the heavens, may we see your purpose in our lives. Amen.***

*Words of Assurance*

From the dust of the earth, we are formed.  
With the breath that God breathed into us, we live and know the power of love.  
All that God has created, the LORD has called good.  
How majestic is the name of the LORD in all the earth!

\*Hymn

*"This Is My Father's World"*

UMH #144

\*Sending Forth

May the grace of Christ keep you in harmony with one another.  
May the love of God keep you in peace.  
May the presence of the LORD surround you with the communion of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

\*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".



VBS  
July 17-20 (4 days only!)  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
Grades K-5

Pre-Registration available



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

To help us plan for VBS, please look over the list of needs below to see if you can provide any of the items.

VBS is important, but expensive, so financial gifts are also appreciated.

**Items needed:**

Rice Krispie Treats

Cocoa Rice Krispie Cereal

Graham Crackers

Capri-Sun Drink Pouches

Strawberry or Grape Jelly

Oreo Cookies

Mini-Marshmallows

Hand Wipes

Contact the office for questions:

304-242-1206

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**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!**