

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



June 25, 2023

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

“Starlight”
Ian Sincavich, piano

by M. Leaf

Centering Words

Be Thou our vision, O God. Be our eyes. Be our hearts. Be the grace that flows through our lives.
Only with your eyes can we see rightly.

*Hymn

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

TFWS #2173

*Opening Prayer

Light of all lights, be our vision this day.

Open our eyes to behold your glory.

Open our hearts to the warmth of your love.

Open our minds to the flame of your truth.

Open our souls to the glory of living as children of light, that others may see in our living the sacred mystery of your kingdom. 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

"The Wilmington Waltz"
Ian Sincavich, piano

by B. Johnson

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving shepherd, gentle savior, we give you thanks this day:
for rest in the green pastures, for refreshment beside still waters, for health and wholeness
for our souls.**

As we rejoice in your goodness and mercy, we offer you our gifts this day.

**Through our offering, may others be blessed, as we have been blessed from your hand.
Amen.**

*Hymn

"Open Our Eyes"

TFWS #2086

Gospel Lesson

John 9:1-12

Message

"Spread the Love"

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or how poorly we care for others.

In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession

In our weakness, O God, we often fear what we do not understand.

In our blindness, we fail to see others as you do.

Yet, we long to see as you see and to perceive as you perceive.

**We yearn to cast aside the shadows of the night and live as children born anew in the light
of your love.**

Help us behold your glory this day, that we might reflect your light for all to see. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Israel's shepherd is our shepherd.

The Light that leads us through the darkest valleys anoints us with love, fills our cup to overflowing, and brings us goodness and mercy all the days of our lives.

*Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH #451

*Sending Forth

Pastor: Go forth in the light of God.

All: We will walk as children of light.

Pastor: Go forth in the warmth of Christ's love.

All: We will travel as children of love.

Pastor: Go forth in the flame of God's Spirit.

All: We will live as children of the Most High. Amen.

*Postlude

"The Piper's Jig"
Ian Sincavich, piano

by M. Leaf

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

Ohio Co. Animal Shelter

Bleach
Pine-Sol Cleaner
Dry Dog Food

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

***Just Added**
Adult VBS
July 21st
6:00-8:00pm
Dinner provided

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!