

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



July 2, 2023

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

*“My LORD and I”
Susie McCormick, soloist*

by J.M. Hoth

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

***All:* May God continue to bless the church of this land.**

Leader: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations.

***All:* May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.**

Leader: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

***All:* May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the LORD!

*Hymn

“America (My Country ‘Tis of Thee)”

UMH #697

*Opening Prayer

God of all nations, we thank you for the life and history of our country, for its vast beauty, its wilderness, and wealth of forest, mine, and sea.

We praise you for its people, the people whose ancestors have been here for thousands of years, and those who have just arrived.

We thank you for the variety of our traditions and our cultures, the riches of our spiritual and religious heritage, the strength of our democratic institutions.

We pray for our nation, for our citizens, residents, and governments that working together we may face the future with confident hope and faith in your purpose for our world.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
Susie McCormick, soloist

by Miller & Jackson

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Give Thanks"

TFWS #2036

*Prayer of Dedication

Jesus gave himself for us, God. We'll never equal that with our gifts.

Our gifts will never pay you back, but they can say, "Thank you, God."

And as we give our lives for others, we let you know that we understand.

So, accept our gifts, God of grace, and use our lives however you choose. Amen.

*Hymn

"This Is My Song"

UMH #437

Hebrew Bible Lesson

Psalms 33:1-15

Message

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD!"

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

Brothers and sisters, let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we yearn to be as merciful with others as you are with us.

We long to set aside past grudges and love others for who they are now.

We are tired of sitting in judgment and failing to see others as your beloved children.

Fill us with your grace, that we might have enough faith to walk in your ways and to seek the healing of your world.

Words of Assurance

By the grace of God, our faith has made us well.

In the grace of Christ, our faith has led us home.

Through the grace of the Holy Spirit, our faith has made us whole.

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13-14

*Hymn

“God of the Ages”

UMH #698

*Sending Forth

Thank you, God, for uniting us with yourself and with all your people in sharing the body and blood of Jesus.

Now send us forth by your Spirit to build and to plant and to work for the welfare of everyone around us. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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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!