

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Sandy Loughman & Susie Schmulevich

*Call to Worship

Leader: Overwhelmed and alone,

All: the LORD is our shepherd.

Leader: In sickness unto death,

All: Christ restores our life.

Leader: At war with one another,

All: the Spirit makes us one.

Leader: Let us worship God, the One who brings us peace.

*Hymn

“When Words Alone Cannot Express”

W/S #3012, vs. 1,2,4

*Opening Prayer

Welcoming God, we come to you as we are, seeking approval, seeking forgiveness, seeking to find our way home.

Help us welcome others, as we would like to be welcomed.

Teach us to value the rewards that come from a life of servanthood.

Help us embrace the cost of discipleship, that we may be welcomed into your eternal home.

Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

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

Sandy Loughman & Susie Schmulevich

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Bringer of peace, you shaped your people and gave them a home; you gave David rest from the wars assailing your people.

We thank and praise you this day, for calling us to feed in your pastures and rest safely in your fields.

In our gratitude for your steadfast love, receive the gifts we bring this day, that they may be signs of our love for the one you sent to be our shepherd. Amen.

*Hymn

"A Place at the Table"

W/S #3149, vs. 1,4,5

Hebrew Lesson

I Samuel 20:25-34

Message

"Don't Let Anger Control You"

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Shepherding God, we need your Spirit to guide us; we need your peace to help us set aside the things that divide us.

Forgive us when we cling to our grievances, and dismiss our adversaries as strangers unworthy of your love.

You seek to heal our vision, that we may see all people as members of your household.

Forgive us when we refuse to be built into a spiritual temple with Christ as the cornerstone, if it means opening our hearts to those who have wronged us.

Heal the hardness of our hearts, that we may embrace your shepherding love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

As members of the household of God, Christ brings us together as a holy temple, a dwelling place for the LORD of hosts.

In Christ, we are healed and become a new humanity, loved and forgiven by the LORD of life.

*Hymn

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

UMH #664

*Sending Forth

Pastor: The old hatreds have been swallowed up.

All: In Christ we know love.

Pastor: The old arguments taste bitter in our mouths.

All: In Christ we have peace.

Pastor: The old wounds have been anointed with holy oil.

All: In Christ we find healing.

Pastor: The old walls have come crumbling down.

All: In Christ we are one. Amen.

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

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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".



July 30th

8:30am

&

Covered-Dish Brunch,
following the worship service.

*See Becky McCullough for questions or call the office.

**See your Sunday School leader for questions about your class.



August 26, 2023
UMM Spaghetti Dinner (tickets available soon)
&
Heaven Bound Ministries Concert
6:00pm
(Free admission)

*Thank
you*

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
All helpers, teachers, decorators, door patrol
& kitchen crew,
Vacation Bible School was a HUGE success!
We couldn't have done this without your help & support.
We are a blessed church!