

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



July 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Susan Hollis

*Call to Worship

Leader: “Come,” says the Spirit. “Come.”

***All:* “Come,” say the people. “Come.”**

Leader: Let everyone who is thirsty come.

***All:* All who yearn for the water of life are welcome.**

Leader: “Come,” says Christ, our Alpha and Omega. “Come.”

***All:* “Come,” says our sisters and brothers. “Come.”**

Leader: Come! Let us worship God together.

*Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

UMH #545 vs.1,2,4,5

*Opening Prayer

Glorious, amazing God, as we begin this time of worship, we remember that you are both our beginning and our end.

There is nothing in the world that was not created by you— even we are the works of your hands.

There is nothing more glorious in the world than your love and grace— even we abide in your love and grace.

Be with us now, as you have been with us every moment of our lives.

Help us know that we are one with you, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world.

In your holy name, O Alpha and Omega, we pray. 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

Susan Hollis

Presentation of our Gifts

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

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious, glorious God, you have given us so much for which we are ever grateful.

As we return these gifts to you, bless them with your presence.

Glorify the works of these gifts in the world, that your love and salvation may shine through them for all to see. Amen.

*Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

Scripture

John 17:20-23

Message

"Bless Be the Tie That Binds"

Rev. Debra Dague

*Statement of Faith

UMH #883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come to Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn

"We Are the Church"

UMH #558

*Sending Forth

May the grace of the LORD Jesus be with you as you go forth, empowered and strengthened, to love and serve as Christ leads. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

WHEELING HOUSING

- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Razors

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".



August 26, 2023

UMM Spaghetti Dinner

1:00-5:30pm

\$10/Adult and \$6/Children (under age 6)

For tickets, see Bill Daniel or the church office

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Heaven Bound Ministries Concert

**6:00pm
(Free admission)**