

# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



August 6, 2023

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome  
Prelude

Anita Chops

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Coming from different places,

**All: we gather as one church, one community of faith.**

*Leader:* Bringing different gifts,

**All: we come to offer ourselves as we are.**

*Leader:* Blessed by one Spirit,

**All: we bring our unity of gratitude and praise.**

\*Hymn

*"Many Gifts, One Spirit"*

UMH #114

\*Opening Prayer

**O LORD, O God, pour out your Holy Spirit once again, that the world may know the gifts and blessing of your power.**

**Take away our confusion and grant us clarity of vision.**

**Open our senses to the mystery and wonder of faith.**

**Open our minds to the signs of hope you seek to share with us.**

**We are indeed your church, called together in one place for praise and thanksgiving.**

**Let your Holy Spirit fill this sanctuary and sanctify our lives. Amen.**

Sharing Joys & Concerns  
Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

*“Consecration”*  
*Soloist, Jane Gracey*

by J. Ness Beck

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*“Give Thanks”*

TFWS #2036

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Creative Spirit, create miracles through the gifts we return to you now.**

**Create miracles through us, as we give our lives back to you.**

**Create miracles through our gifts, as we share them with one another.**

**Truly, the whole of the gifts you have given us is greater than the sum of the parts, thanks to your powerful presence in our lives and in our church. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*“One Bread, One Body”*

UMH #620

Scripture

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Message

*“Where Are My Spiritual Gifts?”*

Rev. Debra Dague

*Call to Confession*

Christ our LORD invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

**Refreshing wind of God, whisper the truth of your love to us.**

**Where we are breathless with sin and regret, breathe new life into us through your mercy and your grace.**

**Where we stand firm in our divisions, re-mold us with your mighty power, that we might rise in unity and love.**

**Renewing wind of the Spirit, help us recognize our gifts, that we may use them for your glory.**

**For we yearn to proclaim your presence in all that we say and in all that we do.**

**In your holy presence, we pray. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

All who call upon the name of God are saved.

By calling on God and confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit re-creates us anew and saves us by Christ's grace.

Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH #13

\*Hymn

*"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

TFWS #2223

\*Sending Forth

Go now as children of God.

Go into the world as those who are set free by the rushing winds and blazing fires of the Spirit.

Go now in the name of God who creates us;

in the name of Christ Jesus who redeems us;

and in the name of the Holy Spirit who counsels and guides us.

Go and share the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Go now in peace. **Amen.**

\*Postlude

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# MISSION OF THE MONTH

## WHEELING HOUSING

- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Disposable 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)  
Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Bread, Dessert & Drink**

**Take-Out available**

**For tickets, see Bill Daniel or the church office**

**&**

**Heaven Bound Ministries Concert**

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

***Spiritual Gift Inventory***

\* Hard copies of "Spiritual Gift Inventory"  
are on the Welcome Desk.

\* Online link below:

\* <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en>

\* You may request a copy of the "Spiritual Gift Inventory" to be emailed to you by calling the office during office hours or signing up on the Welcome Desk.