

# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



September 24, 2023

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

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Greetings to you in the name of God.

**All: Greetings to you!**

*Leader:* Greetings to you in the name of Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Greetings to one and all!**

*Leader:* God gives us everything we need.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Leader:* Our God makes us everything we are to be.

**All: Let us offer thanks to the Holy Three-in-One!**

\*Hymn

*“O Day of God, Draw Nigh”*

UMH #730

\*Opening Prayer

**Dear God, it is so easy to get discouraged by the news in our community, across our country, and around the globe.**

**Everywhere we look, we hear of violence, conflict, and injustice.**

**Like the prophets of old, we want to cry out: “Hurry up and change the world, God!”**

**And then we realize you are calling us to hurry up and change the world.**

**As we encounter Christ in our worship this hour, may our lives be transformed; may we leave this place eager to share your blessings, your justice, and your love with a world yearning for a new way of living. 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

*"In This Fellowship of Faith"*  
*Chancel Choir (11:00)*

by Price & Besig

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

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

UMH #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**God of amazing grace, you have given us everything, including our very lives.**

**Though we cannot earn your love, you give it to us freely. And so we thank you.**

**Receive our gifts, as expressions of our thanksgiving and praise, and our commitment to live as you intend.**

**We pray in the name of the one who offers salvation to all, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*Hymn

*"Be Still, My Soul"*

UMH #534

Scripture

Habakkuk 1:1-4

Message

*"When We Don't Think!"*

Rev. Debra Dague

*Call to Confession*

Let us confess our sin before God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

**God of new beginnings, come to us in our need, for we are weary and afraid; hear our pleas for mercy, for we are beaten down by hatred and violence; respond to our longing for friendship, for we are lonely and depressed.**

**God of endless love, visit our hearts this day, and shower us with forgiveness and mercy, that our lives may be mended and set on the path of salvation, through the glory of your Son. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

Christ came to save the least and the lost.

Christ came to save the hopeful and the expectant— those who long for fullness of life.

Today, salvation has come to this house of worship, for in Christ, we are God's beloved children, forgiven and made whole, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

\*Hymn

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

UMH #451

\*Sending Forth

In the name of God, our Father, who gives us everything we need...

In the name of Christ Jesus, our Master, whose love transforms us...

In the name of the Holy Spirit, whose power strengthens our faith and increases our love...

Let us go in peace.

Let us go with God.

Let us go to transform the world. **Amen.**

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

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If anyone is interested in  
becoming a member of  
Elm Grove United Methodist Church,  
please sign-up at the Welcome Desk or  
contact Pastor Deb.

New members will be welcomed on  
October 29th.

# MISSION OF THE MONTH

## House of the Carpenter

- Men's underwear, any size
- Men's t-shirts, any size

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".



October 29th

6:30-7:30pm

Decorate your trunk and join in the fun!

Sign-up at the Welcome Desk or call the church office

\*We are also asking for candy donations, any variety.

Place your donations outside of the office.

**THANK YOU!**

Bus Trip to "The Sight & Sound Theatre", Lancaster, PA

"The Miracle of Christmas"

November 30, 2023

ONLY 20 seats left!

Sign-up with Mark Weese, 304-215-3424.

\*See the bulletin board outside of the office for more details.



Charge Conference

October 11th - 6:30pm

\*ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

One Worship Service w/ Covered-dish lunch

October 29th

Sunday School - 9:45am

Worship Service - 11:00am

Lunch - 12:00pm