

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



October 22, 2023

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts.

All: God, the whole earth is full of your glory!

Leader: We come to praise and exalt the name of the LORD.

All: O God, the whole earth is full of your glory!

Leader: Let us put aside our cares to worship the LORD.

All: O God, the whole earth is full of your glory!

Leader: Glory to God in the highest!

All: O God, the whole earth is full of your glory!

*Hymn

"Love Lifted Me"

W/S #3101

*Opening Prayer

LORD of hope and strength, be with us this day as we strive to follow you.

May our faith be as deep as the sea— deep enough to carry us to peaceful shores.

Nurture us in your love, and guide us with your grace.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The LORD'S Prayer

UMH #895

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

"Love Can Build a Bridge"
Soloists: Brian McCullough & Molly Beresh

by Overstreet, Jarvis & Judd

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

We confess, O God, that we are often overwhelmed by needs in the world— hunger, disease, strife, prejudice, and many other problems.

Receive these offerings as signs that we will act to get something done instead of worrying about what we cannot do.

Bless these gifts so that they will bring healing and love in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn

"My Life Is in You, Lord"

TFWS #2032

Scripture

Luke 8:22-25

Message

"It's Me!"

Rev. Debra Dague

Call to Confession

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or how poorly we care for others.

In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

Prayer of Confession

You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth to speak out against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved.

LORD, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you— only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a usable instrument, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Children of God, in humility and gentleness, Christ came to forgive you and renew your life. You have been rescued from the power of sin by the LORD Jesus Christ. Let your hearts be content and your witness made bold as you walk in the freedom of God's grace.

*Hymn

"Stand By Me"

UMH #512

*Sending Forth

Now may the Spirit of God, who brooded over the waters and brought order out of chaos, find a home in our hearts and settle our minds as we sleep, and that tomorrow we may wake and live to God's glory. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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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!



One Worship Service w/ Covered-dish lunch

October 29th

Sunday School - 9:45am

Worship Service - 11:00am

Lunch - 12:00pm



Our Nursery is OPEN!
Nursery Services for infants to 5th grade.
The children will hear a bible story, make a craft
and have lots of fun!

Help is always needed!

Please sign-up at the Welcome Desk, or see Kaitlyn Folmar for questions.



Please submit your articles and pictures to Joyce Kimpel at

jkimpel23@gmail.com

by Oct. 26th for the November quarterly newsletter. Thank you!

Effective November 1st

Jan's work hours:

Mon & Tues. - 7:00am to 2:00pm

Wed. - 7:00am to 1:00pm

***For questions, please see Doug Whitecotton**