

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



October 8, 2023

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

Gathering Words

From a strong root of love, anything is possible.

Because of love, Jesus taught and preached, healed and fed, lived and died.

Out of love, churches have been born, Christianity has grown, and God's word has spread.

Because of love, we are connected to others, we create families and friendships, we find community.

Out of love, we grow as disciples, we grow in mercy and grace, we grow with love as the foundation and center of our lives.

*Hymn

"O Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #539

*Opening Prayer

Come and dwell in us, Christ Jesus.

Plant a seed of love in our hearts and in our lives, that the strong root of love may grow within us.

Transform each one of us, transform this church, and transform the world, in faith and love, 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

"O Come and Sing Unto the Lord"
Chancel Choir (11:00)

by J. Carter

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"To God Be the Glory"

UMH #98, vs. 1

*Prayer of Dedication

Bless these gifts with your love and grace.

Transform even our meager offerings and leftovers into abundant possibilities.

Transform us, that rooted and grounded in love, we may give all that we have, and all that we are, to serve you and your world with a love that knows no bounds. Amen.

*Hymn

"Lord, Be Glorified"

TFWS #2150

Scripture

Ephesians 3:14-21

Message

"Run, Church Run!"

Rev. Debra Dague

Statement of Faith

UMH #884

We believe in the one God, creator and sustainer of all things, Father of all nations, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength.

We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need.

We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice.

We believe in the church, those who are united in the living LORD for the purpose of worship and service.

We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.

We believe in the final triumph of righteousness and in the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

UMH #79

*Sending Forth

As we leave one another and this holy place, may we be surrounded by the love of God like a comforting embrace.

May we be protected by the gracious presence of your Holy Spirit like a warm breeze.

May we be enlightened by the mind of Christ to seek the shadow and the light.

Go with goodness and with grace as God's beloved people.

Go in peace. **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



Beginning Oct. 15th, we will be offering
Nursery Services for infants to 5th grade.

If you can help, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk.
See Kaitlyn Folmar for questions.

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**