

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



November 19, 2023

Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome
Announcements

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

UMH #821, response 1

All (sing): Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the lands!

All: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the LORD, who made us, is God.

All: We are the LORD'S; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

All: Give thanks and bless God's name!

Leader: For the LORD is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever; God's faithfulness to all generations.

All (sing): Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

*Hymn

"We Gather Together"

UMH #131

*Opening Prayer

Bounteous God, we come into your presence with joyful hearts, as we reflect on the abundance of your love and the sustaining power of your grace.

As we celebrate and rejoice, we remember the things we have learned and gifts we have received from your hand.

Plant these lessons in our lives, that we may be a people of gratitude, abounding in love for a world hungry for compassion. 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.

Baptism

Travis Lee Armstrong

Parents: Hunter & Megan Armstrong

Iylah Rae Wilburn

Parents: Derek Wilburn & Haylee Armstrong

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

"Give Thanks to God"
Chancel Choir

by L. Larson

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Give Thanks"

TFWS #2036

*Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, with gratitude and thanks, we offer you the first fruits of your harvest.

We bow humbly before you, remembering all that you have done for us, and acknowledging that everything we have comes from you.

With thanksgiving and praise, we offer these gifts to sustain and bless the work of your church, and to care for the poor. Amen.

*Hymn

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

UMH #694

Dismissal for Children's Church

ages infant to 5th grade

Scripture

Psalms 100:1-5

Message

"A Most Meaningful Thanksgiving"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bounteous God, you have lavished your finest gifts on each one of us.

We thank you for the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with love, hope, friends, our church, and so many other things that we cherish.

Help us be a blessing for others that they may come to know you and rejoice in your love.

Give us hearts of courage and confidence to step out into the world in service, bringing hope where there is doubt, peace where there is strife, love where there is discord.

These things we pray in Jesus' Name, Amen.

*Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

UMH #102

*Sending Forth

Pastor: Having received grace upon grace, and God's constant love, go forth with songs of praise.

All: We will share signs and wonders, of gratitude and generosity, that others will see Christ living through us. Amen.

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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MISSION OF THE MONTH



GIFT CARDS for VETERANS

WALMART or KROGER gift cards only.

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".



November 26th @ 4:00pm

We will be decorating for Advent and we need help with the heavy lifting.

We also need help decorating all of our Christmas trees and hanging our many, many wreaths.

All ages welcome!!

Nancy King is making church t-shirts again.

If you would like to order a t-shirt, please sign-up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.



Can you help serve Hot Chocolate at the "Christmas in the Grove" Event?

December 1st

5:00-7:00pm

Sign-up at the Welcome Table in the Narthex