

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



January 14, 2024

1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome
Announcements

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

Leader: If we have been raised with Christ Jesus, let us set our minds on heavenly things, not on the things that are on earth.

***All:* The old self is gone. Let us revel in the Spirit that strips away the trappings of death, and dresses us in garments that are new.**

Leader: As new creations in God, we are separated and divided no longer.

***All:* Christ is all and in all! Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

UMH #114

*Opening Prayer

Keeper of time, we come to this moment, remembering the past and envisioning the future. We know that all things are held tenderly in your care.

Your will for us is a deep and abiding joy, as we live each day with passion and purpose. Show us again the path of holy toil, that we may find meaning and peace in the work you lay before us.

Seasons change, but your call remains steadfast.

We come today, yearning to hear your voice anew. 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

"Morning Star"
Chancel Choir

by R. Copeland
(11:00)

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Give Thanks"

TFWS #2036

*Prayer of Dedication

God of New Beginnings, we seek to do everything in the name of Jesus.

We desire to live in compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

As we place an offering upon your altar, we believe that we are moving closer to this desire.

Help us live this New Year with your peace ruling our hearts.

We are so thankful! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

UMH #399

Dismissal for Children's Church (ages infant to 5th grade)

11:00

Scripture

Colossians 3:9-10

Message

"Out with the Old and In with the New"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

Ancient and Future God, forgive us when we sink so deeply in our past, that we miss moments of grace in the present.

Help us shed the regrets and sorrows of this past year, even as we build on the joys and growth we have discovered along the way.

Guide our steps, that we might move forward as children of faith and hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

To everything there is a season.

As forgiven children of God, we are invited to enter a season of healing and leave the time of brokenness behind.

The Great Thanksgiving

*Hymn

"Come, Let Us Dream"

W/S #3157

*Sending Forth

May the God of eternity strengthen you with love.

May the Christ of new life inspire you with hope.

May the Spirit of new beginnings empower you with faith. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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MISSION OF THE MONTH



House of the Carpenter
And Street Moms

Hats, Scarves & Gloves



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".

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.



We are still in need of volunteers for
Children's Church/Nursery Care

Please choose a Sunday and sign-up
at the Welcome Desk.

We appreciate your willingness to help grow your church.



Please submit your articles, bragging rights, events & pictures to

Joyce Kimpel by Jan. 25th.

Please cover all events through May 15th.

*Call the office if you need Joyce's email.

The 2023 Annual Giving Statements are ready to be picked up.

If you would like your statement, please call or stop by the office during regular office hours.