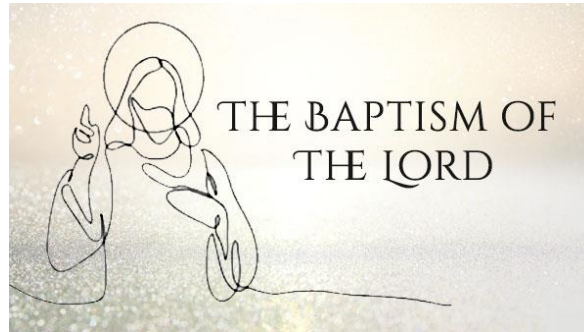


Elm Grove United Methodist Church



January 7, 2024

Baptism of the LORD

Welcome
Announcements

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

Leader: Listen for God's word...

***All:* calling forth creation.**

Leader: Listen for God's word...

***All:* working with power and majesty.**

Leader: Listen for God's word...

***All:* speaking blessings.**

Leader: Listen for God's word...

***All:* in this moment.**

*Hymn

"When Jesus Came to Jordan"

UMH #252

*Opening Prayer

God of power and majesty, you call forth creation, acting with strength and power.

We praise you, as we stand in awe of your glory.

You are mighty and powerful, and yet you care for us, pouring your Spirit of love upon us, recreating us for your work in the world.

You are at work in our midst, offering a new day of hope and possibility.

Open our hearts to the sound of your voice.

Send the power of your Spirit among us, that we might become agents of your love and peace. 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

Jane Gracey

(8:30)

Chancel Choir

(11:00)

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH #95

*Prayer of Dedication

God of strength and glory, you created all that is.

You continue to sustain the world with the power of your love.

You give us life and hope, and with grateful hearts, we bring these gifts to you.

May they bring forth your realm of peace for all peoples. Amen.

*Hymn

"Spirit Song"

UMH #347

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

11:00

Scripture

Mark 1:4-11

Message

Doug Whitecotton

Prayer of Confession

God, we are so tired. The holidays were a wonderful, busy time, as we celebrated the birth of Jesus.

As we return to life without festive celebrations, we long to avoid feeling let down or discouraged.

Teach us to listen for your gentle voice.

Help us awaken to the quiet stirrings of new life in our hearts and in our communities.

As your children, called into being by your word, remake and renew us, that we may follow you with joy. Amen.

Words of Assurance

You are God's child, God's beloved creation.

Receive God's offer of new life and new beginnings.

*Hymn

"Shall We Gather at the River"

UMH #723

*Sending Forth

May the God of love strengthen you to serve creation with joy.

May God bless you with deep peace.

Named as God's beloved, go forth, building new communities of blessing for others. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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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.



We need assistance taking down all of the lovely Christmas decorations.
January 7th @ 4:00pm.
PLEASE HELP!



Thursday Bible Study is on a break.
Class will resume March 7th at 6:00pm