

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



February 18, 2024

1st Sunday in Lent

Welcome
Announcements

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

Leader: Temptation surrounds us every day.

All: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

Leader: Opportunities to stray litter our path.

All: Happy are those whose sin is covered.

Leader: Though we stumble and fall, God's mercy picks us up.

All: God's grace brushes us off.

Leader: Be glad in the LORD and rejoice,

All: God's love meets us here.

*Hymn

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"

TFWS #2112

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, loving Creator, Giver of all life; like Jesus, we find ourselves in the wilderness of life, tempted to turn from you and your love.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may face the assaults of the enemy.

Strengthen us and help us walk the path you set before us.

All this we ask in the name of the faithful one, Jesus. 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

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"What a Mighty God We Serve"

W/S #3016

*Prayer of Dedication

Merciful One, we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from your mouth. Still, we seek your blessing upon this offering, for many are hungry and need food, many are naked and need clothes, many are homeless and need shelter. May these gifts reflect the depth of our gratitude as they go into the world. In Jesus's name, we pray. Amen.

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

11:00

*Hymn

(8:30) *"Amazing Grace"*

UMH #378

(11:00) *"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"*

TFWS #2105

Scripture

Matthew 4:1-11

Message

"Satan is Satan"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

God of wilderness wanderings, many things tempt us; many forces cause our feet to stray. Save us from the time of trial, for we easily succumb to temptation; we often heed voices that cause us to stray.

Return us to the garden of your abiding love, for we yearn to walk with you with faithful hearts and upright spirits. Amen.

Words of Assurance

As we walk this Lenten journey, we do so with the God of love.

Our God accepts us when we turn away from sin and turn toward new life in God.

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, may you grow in grace.

*Hymn

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH #377, vs. 1,2,3

*Sending Forth

Go now, filled with the love and spirit of the God who has given us new life.

Walk the way of the cross. Be strong in the face of temptation.

Bring the good news that the reign of God has come near.

Grace and peace be with you all. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

House of the Carpenter

Vegetable Oil
Flour
Liquid Box Milk
(found on the shelf, NOT in the cold case)

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".

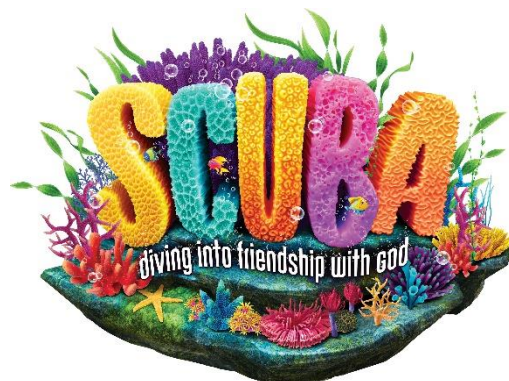
Vacation Bible School
June 24-28
9:00am - 12:00pm

We are asking for monetary donations to help defray the cost for VBS supplies.

Donations can be placed in the "SCUBA" can found near the Narthex.

See Molly for questions, or if you would like to volunteer at VBS.

THANK YOU for your support!



INDOOR “YARD” SALE

April 5th, 4:30-7:30pm
April 6th, 9:00am-1:30pm

FULL CONCESSION STAND

Sandwiches, Soups, Drinks & Baked Goods
Dine-in or Take-out

Table Rental Sign-up Sheet
is on the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.
No limit on # of tables!

***See Scott Beresh for questions**