

# *Elm Grove United Methodist Church*



**March 17, 2024**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Welcome  
Announcements

Prelude

Anita Chops

**\*Call to Worship**

*Leader:* God is our sun and our shield.

**All: God's glory shines upon us.**

*Leader:* God is our strength and our hope.

**All: God's faithfulness guides us.**

*Leader:* God is our hope and our salvation.

**All: God's love and mercy welcome us.**

**\*Hymn**

*"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

UMH #110

**\*Opening Prayer**

**God of grace and glory, pour out the power of your Holy Spirit on our worship and our gathering.**

**Strengthen and protect us with your steadfast faithfulness.**

**Feed us with the bread of life, and guide our steps with the wisdom of your word.**

**In your holy name, 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

*"Without Him"*  
Chancel Choir

by M. LeFevre  
11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"Bless Thou the Gifts"*

UMH #587

\*Prayer of Dedication

**We present these gifts, O God, in the confidence that healing, hope, and wholeness will flourish through them and because of them. Amen.**

Dismissal for Children's Church (ages infant-5<sup>th</sup> grade)

11:00

\*Hymn

*"Shout to the Lord"*

TFWS #2074

Scripture

Ephesians 6:10-18

Message

*"Putting on the Armor of God"*

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

**Glorious God of spirit and life, we long to look upon your face and live.**

**We yearn to shine with your glory, despite our tarnished lives.**

**We seek to stand firm and faithful, even when the storms of life threaten us.**

**Lift us up with your mercy, that we may perceive your loving grace.**

**Light our paths with your wisdom and strengthen us with your powerful Spirit, that we may follow you faithfully all the days of our lives. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

God is our sun and our shield. Christ is the bread of our lives.

The Spirit is our strength and our power. In these truths, we are clothed with protection to live with justice, truth, and peace.

\*Hymn

*“Victory in Jesus”*

UMH #370

\*Sending Forth

*Pastor:* Led by Christ,

**All: we go now to serve.**

*Pastor:* Strengthened by the Spirit,

**All: we go to bring justice and peace.**

*Pastor:* Guided by God,

**All: we go in God’s glory and grace. Amen.**

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

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# MISSION OF THE MONTH

## House of the Carpenter

- ❖ Laundry Detergent
- ❖ Liquid Dish Soap
- ❖ Body Wash

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”.

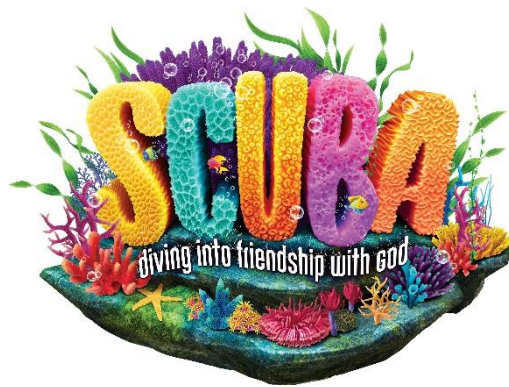
Vacation Bible School  
June 24-28  
9:00am - 12:00pm

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

**Thursday Bible Study, 6:00pm**  
**Lenten Schedule & Topics**

March 21 - "Waiting in God's Power"  
Luke 24:50-53 and Acts 1:1-18



**Good Friday Fish Fry**

March 29th, 3:00pm - 6:00pm

*or, while supplies last.*

Eat in/Take out

**THINK**  
**SPRING**

FLOWER FUNDRAISER  
IS  
OPEN!

Order Forms are on the Welcome Desk  
See Susi Whitecotton for details.

Orders will arrive sometime between  
May 13th - May 24th

\*We would appreciate if you would pay when ordering.  
\*\* Sale ends March 31st.