

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Call to Worship

Leader: In joy, we gather this day.

***All:* Hosanna to Jesus, the Christ!**

Leader: In remembrance, we gather this day.

***All:* Hosanna to the son of David!**

Leader: In festive celebration and quiet reflection, we gather to worship and pray.

***All:* Hosanna to the Son of God!**

*Hymn

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

UMH #278

*Opening Prayer

Blessed One, our hearts sing with the children when we see you ride into Jerusalem on a donkey.

Our lips shout your praises, as you empty yourself to become servant of all.

Open our hearts to the depth of your love, that we might walk faithfully with you during the long week ahead. 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

"Let the Rocks Cry Out"
Chancel Choir

by L. Larson
11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Bless Thou the Gifts"

UMH #587

*Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, O God, for coming to us in Christ Jesus.

Work through these gifts, that the world might know the breadth of your mercy and your grace.

Bless our very lives, that we might be faithful disciples and stewards of your love.

With gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

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

11:00

*Hymn

"O How He Loves You and Me"

TFWS #2108

Scripture

Matthew 21:1-11

Message

"The Journey Continues"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

Righteous One, we often ignore the desire of our hearts.

We long to sing hosannas with a cheering crowd, but we turn aside at the sight of an angry mob.

We yearn to dine lovingly at your table, but we retreat into the courtyard shadows.

We hope to defend the one we love, but we succumb to the limits of our strength.

It is so easy to betray you with a kiss.

Forgive our fickle faith and heal our hesitant hearts, for our spirits ache to be found worthy. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The one the builders rejected has become our cornerstone, the very foundation of our salvation. Christ offers us forgiveness and fullness of grace.

*Hymn

“All Glory Laud and Honor”

UMH #280

*Sending Forth

Go forth, walking closely with Jesus this solemn week.

Know that his love reaches from that faraway time into our lives, and blesses us each day.

In the name of the Holy Trinity, go in peace. **Amen.**

*Postlude

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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”.

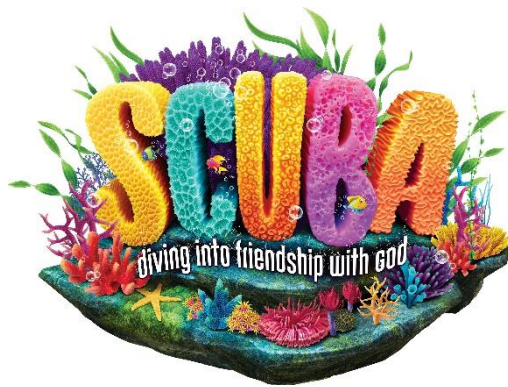
Vacation Bible School
June 24-28
9:00am - 12:00pm

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
Beginning April 4th, 6:00pm

“Love, Acceptance, and Forgiveness”

By Stanley C. Baldwin, Jerry Cook



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.