

# *Elm Grove United Methodist Church*



**April 28, 2024**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Welcome

### *Centering Words*

Bring your whole heart before God— all your grief, anger, frustration, joy, hope, and praise.  
God loves and welcomes you just as you are!

Prelude

David Waddell

\*Hymn

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

UMH #92, vs. 1-4

\*Opening Prayer

**Jesus, bread of life, you give us life and nourish our spirits.**

**As your beloved children, help us walk in your ways, each and every day.**

**May we speak words of kindness to one another and open our hearts to share comfort and encouragement.**

**May we offer and seek forgiveness.**

**Most of all, may we remember that your steadfast love extends to all of your beloved children.**

**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

*Ruth Bechdolt*  
*Soloist*

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, we bring these gifts to you, that you may bless them.**

**May they bring comfort to those who mourn, help to those in need, and joy to all your beloved children. Amen.**

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

11:00

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*

UMH #292

Scripture

Ephesians 4:25-32

Message

*"Recycling"*

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.**

**Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgement.**

**Set us free from a past we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

*Words of Assurance*

Beloved children of God, the LORD offers wholeness and new life to those who seek it.  
In the name of Christ, you are one with God!

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Hymn

*"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"*

UMH #584, vs. 1, 3, 5

\*Sending Forth

Brothers and sisters, siblings in Christ, may you find comfort in God's grace.  
May you find strength in Christ's love.  
And may you find encouragement in the Spirit's power.  
Go in peace. **Amen.**

\*Postlude

David Waddell

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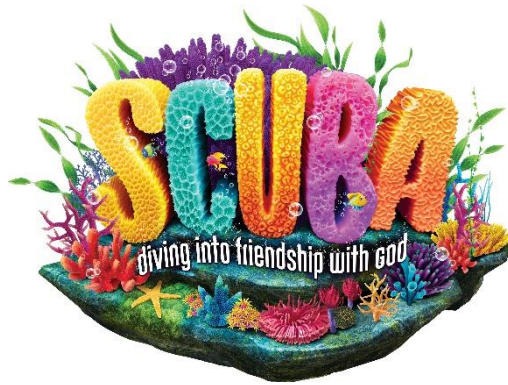
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# MISSION OF THE MONTH

INFO COMING SOON

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".



### VBS MEETING

All leaders & helpers are encouraged to attend.

April 30th at 6:30pm

Old Fellowship Hall (Center Ave. entrance)

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

### VBS

June 24-28

9:00am to 12:00pm

Grades K-5

\*We are still accepting monetary donations to help defray costs.

To register your child for VBS, scan the code below with your cell phone, or pick-up a registration form from the church office.





We are collecting small bottles of bubbles to hand out to the kiddos at  
"Grooving in the Grove" on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you can pick-up a package or 2, please leave them outside of Molly's office.  
Thank you for your support!



June 30, 2024

If you are interested in becoming a member of Elm Grove United Methodist Church,  
please speak with Pastor Deb.