

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



July 14, 2024

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Ruth Bechdolt

11:00

*Hymn

"They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love"

TFWS #2223

*Call to Worship

Leader: We meet in different buildings; in different towns.

***People:* We speak different languages and sing different hymns.**

Leader: We wear different clothing and have different gifts and talents.

***People:* Yet, as we gather together for worship on Sundays, we become one body, one family in Christ.**

Leader: We join together on one journey,

***People:* the journey to unite with the Risen Christ.**

Leader: We join together with God as the Kingdom of God comes and as God's will is done.

***People:* Let us join with all our brothers and sisters in worship and true communion with God this day.**

*Opening Prayer

Risen Savior, Reliable Shepherd, we hear your voice calling us to follow.

We remember our ancient brothers and sisters who gathered in prayer and praise.

Today, we too gather in prayer and praise.

Enliven us with your resurrection power— and power that frees us from despair.

Enliven us with your abundant life.

May your living power flow through us in all we are and do! 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

Rosella Ealy

8:30

Ruth Bechdolt

11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Give Thanks"

TFWS #2036

*Prayer of Dedication

God of Abundant Life, we give our gifts of money and work, of prayer and praise, of presence and purpose to our friends and neighbors.

Bless our offering, that it may meet the needs, both small and large, of your great and generous blessings. Amen.

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

11:00

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

Message

"Do We Want to be a Healthy Church? Worship"

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

**Loving Savior, Shepherd with the voice we know, be with us when we stray.
For we often hear the voices of strangers and follow them to dry pastures and dark valleys.
We forget your voice of love and begin to feel small and lost.
We fear that we will not have enough to go on, much less have a surplus to offer others.
And yet you know us by heart and by name.
Call us once again. Restore our souls.
Walk ahead of us on the right paths, and we will follow you.
Remembering your voice, we pray. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Hear the good news: what we do matters, but our salvation is God's doing.
God hears our complaints, but also hears our prayers.
God will not forget us.
In Christ's name, we are forgiven.

*Hymn

"Together We Serve"

TFWS #2175

*Sending Forth

Share with the world the love you have received this day.
Take the blessing of the Creator, the grace of the Redeemer, and the love of the Sustainer as you
leave this place. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

Ohio Co. Animal Shelter

- Leashes
- Bleach
- Floor Cleaner

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".

*And as always, we gladly accept non-perishable food items for the Blessing Box all year.



JULY 15-18



Articles, bragging rights, events & pictures
are due by **July 25th.**

Please cover all events until Nov. 15th.

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