

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



July 21, 2024

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Words

We are made in God's image. We are made in God's likeness!
All of creation, all that is known and unknown... God has shared with us!
God's love sustains us. God's presence surrounds us!
We are baptized in God's name. We are immersed in God's love!

Prelude

Anita Chops

*Hymn

"When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee"

UMH #263

*Opening Prayer

**O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and strife.
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power.
God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. 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

Ian Sincavich

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

TFWS #2195

*Prayer of Dedication

Nurturing God, let us not grow weary in our task of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

We thank you for this opportunity— the offering— to work for the good of all.

We pray especially for this family of faith and for the family of the church universal.

May these gifts of money strengthen our ministry in making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

11:00

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Come Away with Me"

TFWS #2202

Scriptures

Romans 10:13-17

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:4-8

Ephesians 5:15-18

Message

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

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

Pastor: Your light has filled our lives, but we have not shared it with others.

People: **LORD, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: You have marked us as your own in baptism, but we have not lived as your faithful people.

People: **Christ, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: You have called us to be a light to the nations, but we have hidden our light under a bushel.

People: **LORD, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may live out our baptism as your new creation, forgiven and made whole by your matchless love in Jesus Christ our LORD.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Do not worry, the LORD is near.

God hears our prayers with compassion and with abundant, steadfast love.

Rejoice, for the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*Hymn

"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"

UMH #277

*Sending Forth

Pastor: O Church of God, united, we have a mission:

People: **To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!**

Pastor: O people of God, we have a vision:

People: **To ignite and sustain a passionate, spiritual relationship with Christ among all people!**

Pastor: O brothers and sisters, we have one great value at the core of our being:

People: **To love! We shall love our God with all that we have, and love our neighbors as ourselves! Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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"The Abingdon Worship Annual 2014" © 2013

"Worship & Song" © 2011

"Just in Time! Prayers for Ordinary Time" © 2012

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.



STUDENTS:

Please bring your school backpacks to church

August 11th



JOIN US!
AUGUST 11TH

Meet here, at the church by
5:00pm.



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

Please cover all events until Nov. 15th.

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