

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



July 28, 2024

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Words

Answer your greatest call: To love God with all that you are; and to love your neighbor as you love yourself.

Do this and God will prosper the work of your hands.

Prelude

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”
Soloist: Ryan Gibson

by Martin & Gabriel

*Hymn

“The Gift of Love”

UMH #408

*Opening Prayer

LORD of the morning, we awake to this new day with all of its possibilities, its uncertainties, its many faces, and its underlying mystery.

May we be able— in your strength— to move through this day free of anger or bitterness, so that when we meet our neighbor or encounter the stranger, we may recognize your face. 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

"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"
Duet: Barbara & Ryan Gibson

by C. Tomlin

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"I Sing Praises to Your Name"

TFWS #2037

*Prayer of Dedication

Gracious God, you have given us mercy. You have given us love.

You have been our calling, and you have been our home.

Take now our hands and feet, O God, and use them for your purposes.

Take now the offering of our hearts, minds, and souls.

**Transform them into your love, your mercy, and your everlasting grace for all the world.
Amen.**

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

11:00

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Rule of Life"

W/S #3117

Scriptures

Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 22:36-40

Message

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

Rev. Debra Dague

Prayer of Confession

You make faith as simple as loving you and our neighbors, O God. Yet, we are sometimes tempted to invent our faith as we go along. When we become frail and our days are short, we sometimes forget that you are with us now, choosing to dwell instead in the comfort of memories of days long past.

Restore in us a faithful balance, we pray.

May love in the present be enough.

May faith be born of wisdom, from saints who know you, even as we seek to know you, face to face. Amen.

Words of Assurance

God is our dwelling place, our good news, our source of steadfast love. In Christ we are restored and set aright.

*Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

TFWS #2241

*Sending Forth

People of God, receive God’s greatest gifts— gifts of people and place.

Go forth to share these blessings with the world.

Know that the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit goes with you, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

*Postlude

Anita Chops

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

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- 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.