## Elm Grove United Methodist Church



## September 1, 2024

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

"You'll Never Walk Alone" Soloist: Colleen Polley by Rodgers & Hammerstein

\*Hymn

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH #526

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus said, "Come unto me all you who are weary and I will give you rest."

*People:* We long for our souls to rest in the peace which Jesus gives.

Leader: Jesus also said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me."

*People:* We come today to learn from the God of all knowledge.

Leader: Jesus said, "My yoke is easy, and my burden light."

*People:* As we come to worship, let us cast our burdens on the Savior and find that he bears our burdens and lightens our load.

All: Jesus invites us to "Come." It is our joy to say yes to his invitation.

\*Opening Prayer

You have walked many miles with us, O God.

You have comforted and strengthened us along the way.

Keep us on your path, for we easily lose our way.

As we learn to live in your ways, help us choose the cause of justice and righteousness. 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	"In Remembrance of Me" Soloist: Colleen Polley	by Courtney & Red
Presentation of our Gifts *Doxology	"Bless Thou the Gifts"	UMH #587
*Prayer of Dedication Generous God, may these gifts celebrate your name among the nations. May the lives we live celebrate your name for all time and all generations. Receive these offerings as signs of our praise, both now and forevermore. Amen.		
Dismissal for Children's Churc	ch (ages infant-5th grade)	11:00
*Passing the Peace		
*Hymn	"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"	TFWS #2158
Scripture		Matthew 11:28-30
Message	"We Need the Yoke"	Rev. Debra Dague

*Call to Confession* With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin. Prayer of Confession Merciful God, we do not understand why we do the things we do. Forgive our foolish ways. Give us the strength and the courage to bear your yoke and to heed your call. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance* Christ rescues us from our foolish ways and from our misguided deeds. In Christ, we are made perfect, even in our imperfection. **Thanks be to God.** 

Communion

\*Hymn

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

UMH #513

\*Sending Forth Take on the easy yoke of Christ. Carry the water of life to a thirsty world and you will find rest for your souls. **Amen.** 

\*Postlude

Anita Chops

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Chancel Choir Rehearsal begins Sept. 4th @6:30pm. Always accepting new singers!

## **MISSION OF THE MONTH**

## The Blessing Box

- Peanut Butter
  - Jelly
- Saltine Crackers
  - Cereal

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.



4:00 - 6:30pm Eat in/Take out \$15/Adult \$8/Children (under age 10) <u>Buy tickets:</u> from the Stewardship Committee, or the church office.

September 27th



Charge Conference September 30th 6:30pm ALL CHURCH MEMBERS WELCOME!

