

Elm Grove United Methodist Church



October 6, 2024

World Communion Sunday

Prelude

"El Shaddai"
Soloist: Rosella Ealy

by Card & Thompson
8:30

*Hymn

"I Come with Joy"

UMH #617

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing God's praise.

***People:* Give thanks to the LORD above.**

Leader: Seek the LORD and trust God's strength.

***People:* Proclaim God's wonderful works.**

Leader: Live in the Spirit of love and grace.

***People:* Give thanks for Christ's marvelous love.**

*Opening Prayer

Spirit of God, you intercede for us with sighs too deep for words.

When all seems lost, you heal our hearts and give us strength to carry on.

Set our hearts and minds on you, Great Spirit, that we may know your abiding presence and your never-failing love. Amen.

Sharing Joys & Concerns
Pastoral Prayer

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

"I Love You"
Soloist: Rosella Ealy

by J. Habedank
8:30

"We Come Together"
Chancel Choir

by Williams & Stevens
11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology

"Bless Thou the Gifts"

UMH #587

*Prayer of Dedication

God, you bless us with gifts of love and moments of grace and mercy.

For this earth and its bounty, we give you our thanks.

For our lives and for the opportunity to share them with those we love, we offer you our praise.

Bless the gifts we lay before you, that they may be signs of your loving kingdom to a world awaiting good news. Amen.

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

11:00

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"One Bread, One Body"

UMH #620

Scripture

Matthew 13:31-32

Message

"Did he really just say that!"

Rev. Dr. Mike Linger

Call to Confession

With confidence in God, our creator and redeemer, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, as we seek you, search our hearts and ease our troubled spirits.

Where we are frightened and unsure of your love, restore us with the assurance of your grace.

Even when we give up too easily, we long for the courage to reach for new beginnings.

We yearn to know deep in our bones that nothing in heaven or on earth can separate us from your great love. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Remember, beloved children of God, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God.

Give thanks to God for this marvelous gift.

Communion (*see insert/screen*)

*Hymn

“Now Let Us from This Table Rise”

UMH #634

*Sending Forth

Pastor: If God is for us, what more do we need?

***People:* Nothing can separate us from Christ’s gracious love.**

Pastor: If Christ is with us, what can stop us?

***People:* Nothing can keep us from sharing Christ’s gifts of love and strength.**

Pastor: Go with love as our guide.

***People:* God is our constant companion. Amen.**

*Postlude

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MISSION OF THE MONTH

House of the Carpenter

- Men's & Women's Undies (all sizes)
 - Socks

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.



Ron Retzer Trio

Oct. 19th

6:00pm

Please join us!



(Monday) October 28th

6:30-7:30pm

Decorate your trunk, bring your treats & join the fun!

***Please plan for at least 200-250 kids.**

Sign up at the Welcome Desk

***See Molly for questions.**