# Elm Grove United Methodist Church



## **September 29, 2024**

19th Sunday after Pentecost

**Gathering Words** 

Salt the world with peace and flavor the world with love.

Prelude "In Your House, O Lord" by J. Turner
Chancel Choir

\*Hymn "Praise the Lord, the Almighty" UMH #139

\*Opening Prayer

Faithful God, inspire us to be faithful to one another.

Open our hearts to meet the needs in our midst and in the wider world.

Open our minds to notice the beauty and gift of your creation.

Open our mouths to sing your blessings, joyfully and gratefully.

Open our lives to welcome the stranger, seek the lost, and create peace in a troubled world. 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 "Down By the Riverside" by J. Althouse
Chancel Choir

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology "Bless Thou the Gifts" UMH #587

#### \*Prayer of Dedication

As you have blessed us, gracious God, bless the gifts we return to you now. May our tithes and offerings bless your world with love and salt your world with peace. Amen.

Dismissal for Children's Church (ages infant-5th grade) 11:00

\*Passing the Peace

\*Hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" UMH #526

Scripture Mark 9:38-50

Message Doug Whitecotton

**Prayer of Confession** 

O God, you are our help and our hope.

In times of trial, keep us from falling into temptation.

In times of need, help us reach out for aid and lean on prayer.

Show us that others need our help, our hope, and our prayers.

Strengthen our resolve to offer those gifts where they are most needed.

When we become lost, welcome us home with mercy and grace, that we may do the same for others.

In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The LORD is for us, our help and our hope.

In God's mercy and grace, we are welcomed with love and forgiven with compassion.

Thanks be to God for helping us along the way.

\*Hymn

"There's a Spirit in the Air"

UMH #192, vs. 1,3,5

\*Sending Forth

*Doug:* Our help is in the name of God, *People:* maker of heaven and earth.

Doug: Our help leads us forth

People: to bring peace and love to the earth.

Doug: Our help goes with us

People: to protect us and to guide our way.

Doug: Amen.

People: And amen.

\*Postlude

"Praise Him with the Sound of Trumpet" Organist: Anita Chops by R. Lau

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# MISSION OF THE MONTH

## **House of the Carpenter**

Men's boxersWomen's undiesALL SIZES

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.



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







(Monday) October 28<sup>th</sup> 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.