Elm Grove United Methodist Church



November 10, 2024

25th Day after Pentecost

Prelude

My Country Tis of Thee" Organist: Anita Chops By Humphrey Turner

*Gathering Words

Jesus, give us grace not to count the cost. Help us let go of our coins.

Take all that we own and all we are. We ask that your grace be enough for us.

Source: St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish

*Hymn

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

TFWS #2153

*Opening Prayer

God of infinite possibilities, when the world says "No", you say "Yes!"

The world lauds the industry of the rich, but you cherish the sacrifice of the poor. Build us into a household of love and guard the walls of our spirit, so that we may remain strong in service to one another.

Source: The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024

Sharing Concerns & Joys 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.

Presentation of our Gifts

8:30

"The Longer I Service Him" By Chancel Choir By William J. Gaither 11:00

*Doxology

"What Gift Can We Bring"

UMH 87 vs.4

*Prayer Dedication

O Lord, I know that, when compared to all of the people on this earth, I am among the wealthy. Yet there are times when it seems as if my charitable contributions make such a small difference. When I feel inconsequential, I am inclined to hang onto what I have rather than sharing it. Forgive me, Lord, when I am not a faithful steward of the resources you have entrusted to me. Thank you for the example of the widow. May she inspire me to give as I am able. Help me, Lord, to know what it means for me to give generously and sacrificially. Amen.

Source: the high calling.org

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

11:00

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

Scripture

Message

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

Words of Assurance

God has given to each one of us such blessings and talents. With joy we bring these gifts to God. You are blessed by God's absolute love for you. Rejoice in that love and find healing and hope. AMEN.

"Living For Jesus"

Source: ministrymatters.com

*Hymn

TFWS #2149

*Sending Forth

O Father in heaven, you have graciously given me everything in Jesus. Please help me as I seek to be a responsible and generous steward of the gracious gifts you have lavished upon me. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Source: Heartlight.org

*Postlude

"God of Our Fathers" Organist: Anita Chops

By Steven Scott

"The United Methodist Hymnal" © 1989 "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024" © 2023

MISSION OF THE MONTH

Veteran's Center

- Kroger Gift Cards
 - Walmart Cards

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.



16th - Free Community Lunch, 11:00am to Noon

17th - Hanging the Greens beginning at 4:00pm. (WE NEED HELP!!!!)

24th - One Worship Service at 10:00am, followed by a covered-dish lunch.

24th - Suzie's Sweet's Auction beginning at 12:00pm.

30th - Christmas in the Grove, 6:00pm. (WE NEED HELP - There is a sign up sheet across from the front doors)



The Asbury Class is collecting filled shoe boxes, and items to fill boxes. Also accepting money for shipping and handling through Sunday November 24, 2024.

This year we would like to send at least 28 boxes (double last year).

For more information, or to pick up an empty shoe box, please see a member of the Asbury Class or the table at the back of the sanctuary