

# *Elm Grove United Methodist Church*



**November 24, 2024**

**Christ the King Sunday**

Welcome

Prelude

Anita Chops

\*Hymn

*“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*

UMH #694

\*Call to Worship

*Leader:* Children of God, whom do you follow?

***People:* We follow Christ, ruler of us all.**

*Leader:* Children of God, what kind of ruler is Christ?

***People:* Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.**

*Leader:* Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

***People:* We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.**

*Leader:* Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

***People:* Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2024.*

\*Opening Prayer

*Leader:* Loving God of power and justice and peace,  
In our broken world,  
We seek a new order

***People:* Where there is courage to speak truth to power**

*Leader:* We seek a new order

***People:* Where there is mutual support in church and community**

*Leader:* We seek new order

***People:* Where there is abundant time for healing**

*Leader:* We seek a new order

***People:* Where there is peace and freedom for all. Amen.**

From the Monthly Prayers page of the **Christian Aid** website,  
<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>. Reposted on the re:Worship blog at  
<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2012/11/prayer-new-order.html>.

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.**

Offering of Gifts, Prayers, & Tithes

Special Music

“Table of Plenty”  
Chancel Choir

By Daniel L Schutte  
10:00

Presentation of our Gifts

\*Doxology

“Give Thanks”

TFWS #2036

\*Prayer of Dedication:

Loving Creator, whose reign is everlasting, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. May they serve to proclaim your truth and extend your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Transform our offerings and our lives to bear witness to the hope and promise of Christ, our king. In his holy name, we pray. Amen

\*Passing the Peace

Hymn

“We Gather Together”

UMH #131

Scripture

John 18:33-37

Message

Doug Whitecotton

Prayer of Confession

**Hide your truth in our hearts, dear God, for we are a people who are attracted to the error of our ways. We make bad choices, O Lord. We find ourselves in predicaments that make us sigh and groan. We have brought upon ourselves many of the disasters that have come our way. We were not honest and truthful in all situations. We even try to hide from our-selves when we realize that we are responsible for our own mistakes. O Lord, do not remove yourself from us. Forgive us, we pray, for the many sins, wrong doings, shortcomings, and lies. Fill us with your grace and blot out our transgression. Give us genuine love for each other, we pray. We thank you for the assurance of your forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear us, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Written by T. Anne Daniel in *The Africana Worship Book, Year B* (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007), 164.

*Words of Assurance*

In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace, truth, and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God's world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved! AMEN.

\*Hymn

*"Now Thank We All Our God"*

UMH #102

\*Sending Forth:

Beloved, may God bless you with the wisdom to discern the truth as you follow Christ, who testifies to the truth by embodying Love in all times and in all places. Amen.

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\*Postlude

Anita Chops

# 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.



**NOTICE** - We will be printing a new directory. If anyone does not want their info in the new directory, please call the office.

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