Elm Grove United Methodist Church



November 3, 2024

All Saint's Sunday

Prelude

*Hymn "For All The Saints" UMH #711

*Call to Worship

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates. **People: The King of glory has come.**

Leader: Mourning and death shall be no more **People: Feast on rich food and fine wine.**

Leader: Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

*Opening Prayer

God of new beginnings, wipe away our tears, that we may come before your throne with hearts full of song and with souls on fire.

Help us live as those who are prepared to die, so when our time to depart comes we may go forth as those who are prepared to die, so when our time to depart comes we may go forth as those who are prepared to live.

Whether living or dying, O Lord, our hearts will always belong to you. Amen.

Sharing Concerns & Joys Pastoral Prayer

Remembering Those We Hold in our Hearts

Lois Jean Martin Emily Christine Kimpel
Betty Ann Coulling Joseph Edward Stewart

Doris Eileen Harvilla Jill Ann Beabout

Mary Lee Wallace Shirley Louise Hoffman James Allen Jewett Rev. Cindy Boggs

Special Music Rose Ealy 8:30

"Going Home" by M. McDonald By Chancel Choir 11:00

Presentation of our Gifts

*Doxology "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

*Prayer of Dedication

God of abundance, you bless us with rich food and fine wines at our banquet table. May our offering nourish the bodies and souls of those who know only hunger and want. Bless our gifts into your holy service. That all may come to know the blessings of your table and the wonder of your love. Amen.

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

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn of Promise" UMH #707

Scripture Mark 12:28-34

Message "The Measure of Life" Rev. Dr. Mike Linger

Call to confession.

We have been buried with Christ in baptism, in order that we might be raised to new life with him through faith in the power of God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

You know our grief, wellspring of tears, and our longing to see your face. We long for you to come down and save us. In sorrow and pain, we yearn to be touched by healing love. As Lazarus before us, we need your hand to lift us from tombs that keep us from truly living. Open our mouths to exclaim with delight: "Here is our God for whom we have waited!" Amen.

Words of Assurance

The vision of a new heaven and a new earth is sure. The one who prepares a banquet before us, a feast of rich food and fine wine, will wipe away our tears. Rejoice and be glad. The King of glory is the author of our salvation.

Communion (see insert/screen).

*Hymn "Rejoice in God's Saints" UMH #708 VS. 1,3,4

*Sending Forth

Hold fast to the faith of God's saints, past and present.

Trust the example they left for us to follow. Go forth and walk in the light. Amen

*Postlude Anita Chops

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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.



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