

2026
September 20



welcome

COMMUNITY

— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Children and families are welcome in the Grace Space at the front, during worship.

Children will be called forward during service for Young Disciples time then head to Children's Chapel, with our youngest (3 and under) escorted to the Nursery.

*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

Listening devices and large print hymnals are available. An usher will happily assist you.

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Gathering Music Welcome and Greeting

Open Our Eyes

Bob Cull

*Call to Worship

God gives us one day at a time:

Long enough for laughter to follow any tears;

Deep enough for prayer and silence to dance together;

Time enough to help someone in need;

Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise our Creator;

Sufficient time to build a bridge for forgiveness or tear down a wall of resentment;

The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, and trust in God's care.

Just the right time to sing and lift up our praise.

*Congregational Song *Morning Has Broken*

UMH #145

Opening Prayer:

Loving God, who knows us better than we know ourselves and who has loved us from the beginning of time, you are forever patient with us, your imperfect people, and we give thanks for that. You seek us, follow us, call us. You promise to be with us in all the times of life, and you come to us when we least expect it and need you most. Be with us in this time of worship as we seek to discover more of what it means to be your faithful disciples in ministry to your world. Amen

Scripture Lesson:

Exodus 16: 2-8
Sandy Retherford

Special Music

Lifesong
Chancel Choir

Mark Hall

Empty hands held high
Such small sacrifice
If not joined with my life,
I sing in vain tonight

May the words I say
And the things I do
Let my lifesong sing
And bring a small to you

Let my lifesong sing to you
Let my lifesong sing to you
I want to sign your name
To the end of this day
Knowing that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to you

lyrics continued on next page

Lord, I give my life,
A living sacrifice
To reach a world in need,
To be your hands and feet

May the words I say
And the things I do
Let my lifesong sing
And bring a small to you

Let my lifesong sing to you
Let my lifesong sing to you
I want to sign your name
To the end of this day
Knowing that my heart was true
Let my lifesong sing to you
Hallelujah

Scripture Lesson:

Matthew 20: 1-16
Pastor Tim O'Brien

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Young Disciples

Message

One at a Time

*Congregational Song *Open Our Eyes*

TFWS #2086

Prayers of the People

Sharing of our Joys and Concerns
Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

UMH #64, v1
mm. 9-16

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Treble staff, with the Bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y, God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!'. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Praise Team

I am not skilled to understand
What God has willed, what God has planned.
I only know at his right hand
Is one who is my Savior.

I take him at his word and deed.
Christ died to save me, this I read.
And in my heart I find a need
Of him to be my Savior.

That he would leave his place on high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange, so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.

My Savior loves, my Savior lives,
My Savior's always there for me.
My God, he was. My God, he is.
My God, he's always gonna' be.

Yes, living, dying, let me bring
My strength, my solace from this
spring
That he who lives to be my King
Once died to be my Savior.

That he would leave his place on
high
And come for sinful man to die.
You count it strange, so once did I
Before I knew my Savior.

My Savior loves, my Savior lives,
My Savior's always there for me.
My God, he was. My God, he is.
My God, he's always gonna' be.

Ministry Moment**Invitation to the Offering****Offertory***Hymn of Promise*

Natalie Sleeth

Offering Response*What Gift Can We Bring**

UMH #87, v4

This gift we now bring,
This present, this token,
These words can convey it,
The joy of this day!
When grateful we come
Remembering, rejoicing,
This song we now offer in honor and praise!

***Prayer of Dedication**

Loving and faithful God, you lovingly sustained your people in the wilderness, and you continue to care for us each day. With grateful hearts, we offer these gifts in trust. May they bring food to the hungry, comfort to the weary, and hope to all who are learning to take life one day at a time. May we find peace in knowing that your love is steadfast, your mercy greets us each morning, and our tomorrows rest securely in your hands. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Congregational SongMake Me a Channel of Your Peace*

TFWS #2171, v1, 3-4

*Blessing & Sending Forth

As God fed the people day by day in the wilderness —

We go trusting and nurtured by God's faithfulness, strengthened to take the next faithful step forward.

Go now with patience for the slow work of justice.

We go to stand with the weary, to walk alongside the waiting, to labor for a world made whole.

Not all at once, but one day, one act, one neighbor at a time —

We go to build a more just and caring world, through examples of courage, kindness, and love.

Go in peace. Amen

Amen.

*Blessing Response: *Shalom*

UMH #667



Fare - well, dear friends, stay safe, dear friends, have peace, have peace.



We'll see you a - gain, we'll see you a - gain, have peace, have peace.

*Postlude

My Savior, My God

Aaron Shust

You are invited to join us for Fellowship, coffee, and snacks in the Revelation Room.

Zentangle

Ministry Session

"Tangle Game"



Wednesday, Sept 23



9:30 - 11:30 am



CUMC Disciple Room



Seating is limited

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GOOD NEWS

COLLECTION DEADLINE: **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

Salad Potluck LUNCHEON

FOOD ♥ FELLOWSHIP ♥ INSPIRATION

Thursday, September 24

Gather at 11:30 AM

Lunch at noon | Program at 1 PM

Bring a salad to share and enjoy
good food, fellowship, and
an inspiring program.
All are welcome!
Invite a friend!

**Please RSVP to
the office by
Monday, September 21.**



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*All are
Welcome!*

Special Guest Speaker



Aurelia Brown

Director of Joy House
Milwaukee Rescue Mission

Aurelia will share about the important work happening at Joy House, where women and children experiencing homelessness can find safe shelter, nutritious meals, encouragement, and both short- and long-term Christian-based programs designed to help families move toward stability and a new beginning.

Come hear more about the lives being changed through Joy House, the needs facing women and families in our community, and how compassion and community can make a lasting difference.





Monday – September 21st WELCOME WORD DEADLINE

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room

Tuesday – September 22nd

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Front Wellness/Youth

Wednesday – September 23rd

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Zentangle – 9:30am – Disciple Room
- Clarion Bells – 6:15pm – Sanctuary
- Chancel Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

Thursday – September 24th

- MDO – 8:30am – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- UWF Luncheon – 11:30am – Fellowship Hall
- Gentle Mat Yoga – 10:00am – Hearth Room
- Gospel of Mark – 2:30pm – Disciple Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

Friday – September 25th (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)

- Elm Grove School Board Meeting – 2:00pm – Disciple Room

Saturday – September 26th

- Brazilian UMC – 8:00am – Fellowship Hall

Sunday – September 27th

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Children's Chapel - 9:45am – Start in Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:45am – Revelation Room
- Building Beloved Community – 10:45am – Fellowship Hall

**Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering:
The Gathering of Southeastern Wisconsin**

Hospitality Team for Sunday - 09.27.26

Front Door: Jim Sargent

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Diane Sargent

Ushers: Marianne Ludwick, Joni McDevitt, Tom Raley, Dianne White

Connection: Sheryl Cavan

Liturgist: Tom Twinem

Trailblazers: Debbie Clark, Chriss Stump

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Tom Twinem	•	Dean Johnson
Christian Fuller	•	Sheryl Cavan
Candace Kral	•	Tom Raley
Jeff Turmel	•	Tom Connor

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Timothy O'Brien

Chriss Stump – Church Manager

Danielle Bridges – Director of Music

Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director

Sarah Kwon – Organist/Pianist

Jim Ausprung – Maintenance

Tracey Magyar – MDO Director

Amanda Glassman – MDO Asst Director

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Monday–Thursday:
8:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Friday: 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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Methodist Church
is building a community
of people who love God
and neighbor through
a focus on Intergenerational
Community Service and
Overall Health and Wellbeing.

