



# WELCOME TO COMMUNITY

— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

**Sunday Service**  
**April 14, 2024**

Children and families are invited to the Grace Space at the front of the church for an enhanced worship experience.

\*Indicates to stand as you are able.

Words in bold invite a community response.

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

What does it mean for us to truly embrace the transformative power of Easter in our lives, moving beyond mere survival to a fully alive existence rooted in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ?

## Gathering Music

*God of Grace, and God of Glory* arr. Anne Krentz Organ  
Susan Krechel

## Welcome and Greeting

### \*Call to Worship

In our Easter joy, we find a God of new starts and fresh growth.

**In our Easter grace, we find a God of renewal and transformation.**

In our Easter faith, we find a God to carry us from darkness and despair.

**In our Easter peace, we find a God to nurture us in hope and love.**

In our Easter lives, let us glorify God's name, now and forevermore.

**Amen**

### \*Hymn

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH #140

### \*Opening Prayer

**Energizing God, on this new day, let us jump up to proclaim the splendor of your care for us. Fill us with wonder and guide us to walk forward with faith and gratitude. Renew us with your Easter love, so that our faith in your transforming power leaps from our hearts. Recharge us with the immensity of your mercy and grace, that we shout hallelujah for your goodness, and whisper thanks for your gentleness. In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

## Special Music

*I Love You, Lord*

Laurie Klein  
arr. Jack Schrader

Chancel Choir

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship You; O my soul, rejoice!  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

## Prayer for Illumination

**Teaching God, as we reflect on today's scripture, help us to understand the significance of transformation in our lives. Guide us to see beyond the surface level of change and grasp the deeper meaning of what it means to be transformed by your love and grace. Just as Peter addressed the people with boldness and truth, may we also be empowered to confront our own shortcomings and embrace the call to renewal. May your Spirit move within us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

**Scripture**

Acts 3:12-19

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

*Transformed & Transforming*

**\*Hymn**

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

UMH #474

Choir: Verse 1

Congregation: Verses 2 & 3

**Prayers of the People**

**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.

**\*Special Music**

*All My Days*

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Greg Fischer, soloist

**Ministry Moment**

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10	25	FREE SPACE	59	70

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

*Cantilene*

Hall M. Macklin

**\*Offering Response**

*What Gift Can We Bring*

UMH #87, vs. 4

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Triumphant God, we bring before you now our gifts, perhaps not of silver or gold, but all that we have to share at this time. Bless our giving and inspire those who receive this offering to seek to redeem the suffering of your children, near and far. Bless our helping and inspire us to seek to transform the needs of our communities in your name. Grant that by faith in your name, we are made strong to share your love with those around us. Amen.

**\*Hymn**

*Christ Is Alive*

UMH #318, vs. 1-3, 5

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

**\*Postlude**

*Concertino*

Gordon Young

*Thank you to Greg and Mary Fischer for being our cantors this morning.*

This morning's offering is not just a habit: it's an opportunity to recommit to this place, and to these people. Our offering is an affirmation—a 'yes' freely given to something we value.

You are invited to join us for fellowship and refreshments at The Connection!

*Hallelujah!*

*You know my words before they're said.  
You know my need and I am fed.  
You give me life. You know my ways,  
My strength, my path, for all my days.*

*If I should fly beyond the dawn,  
The darkness will not overcome.  
If I lie down in deepest night,  
Still you are there, my Lord, my light.*

*Our every thought, each word we say,  
The whole of time, the present day,  
Are held within your mighty hand,  
Too wonderful to comprehend!*

*O mend my heart and free my voice.  
From sin released, I will rejoice.  
O search me, Lord, my spirit cries,  
And let my song of praise arise!*

*Hallelujah! All my days! Hallelujah!*

#### **SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Tom Twinem; Dean Johnson; Christian Fuller; Katy Wilson; Don Down;  
Sheryl Cavan; Jeff Turmel, Justin Forbes; Tom Connor

#### **CHURCH STAFF**

Pastors: Rev. Kris Androsky & Rev. Bridget Case  
Office: Chriss Stump – Office Administrator; Deb Cornell – Secretary  
Music: Danielle Bridges – Director of Music; Tyler Walters – Praise Team;  
Susan Krechel & Randy Bryant – Organists

**QUARTERLY MISSION FORCUS: Love Your Neighbor**  
**April, May & June**  
**Eras Senior Network**

Our second quarter mission partner is Eras Senior Network, serving Milwaukee and Waukesha Counties. Eras' mission is to engage and support seniors, adults with disabilities and family caregivers in leading meaningful lives. Eras' programs reduce isolation for seniors and mobilize volunteers of all ages to make important contributions to community needs. Eras is the result of a successful 2007 merger between the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program of Waukesha Co. and Interfaith Caregiving Network. Clients in Milwaukee County are residents age 60 years and over. Clients in Waukesha County are residents age 60 years and over or age 18 and over with a disability. For more information, please visit: <https://eras.org>.



The food pantry of Rooted & Rising: Washington Park (formerly UMCS) is requesting these "suggested" items for April. Thank you for your donations!

- breakfast grains (oatmeal, grits, cream of wheat)
- dinner grains (brown rice, noodles, quinoa, barley)
- spices and herbs
- condiments

**Weekly Happenings**

**Sunday – April 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- NO Journey Class
- Book Ahead Packing Social – 10:45am – Fellowship Hall

**Monday – April 15<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Kris' Sabbath)**

- Milwaukee Children's Choirs – 6:00pm – Choir & Revelation Rooms
- AA Group Meeting – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

**Tuesday – April 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Praise Team/Contemporary Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Sanctuary

**Wednesday – April 17<sup>th</sup>**

- Breakfast Fellowship – 7:30am – OFF SITE – Panera at Ruby Isle
- OWLS Trip – Northlight Theatre – 9:15am – OFF SITE
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Library
- Festival Choir Rehearsal – 7:30pm – Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

- AA Group Meeting – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

**Friday – April 19<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Bridget's Sabbath)**

**Saturday – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday – April 21<sup>st</sup>**

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Journey Class – 10:45am – Disciple Room