

COMMUNITY

– UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949



MAY 18, 2025

The Gathering Music and Offertory are expressions of how I feel about the union of worship and music. – Susan Krechel.

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.

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

Gathering Music

When in Our Music God Is Glorified arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Welcome and Greeting

*Call to Worship

Jesus said, “Love one another, as I have loved you.” Even as he prepared to depart, his command was clear: love that serves, love that stays, love that shines.

We come to worship the Christ who loves without end. We come to follow his way of mercy and grace. We come to be known by our love.

Let us gather in the presence of God, rooted in love that lingers, and ready to live it out.

With open hearts and willing hands, we worship, we remember, and we love.

*Hymn

Be Still, My Soul

UMH #534

Opening Prayer:

God of steadfast love, you call us to follow the way of Jesus, not in words alone, but in lives shaped by compassion and grace. As we gather in this time of change and reflection, remind us that your love never leaves us. Teach us to love one another as Christ loved us, deeply, boldly, and without condition. Amen.

Special Music

For All Who Craft Their Words with Skill Karen Marrolli

Chancel Choir accompanied by Susan Krechel

For all who craft their words with skill to make your story heard,
For those who study, write, and preach: we thank you Christ, our Word.
And we rejoice in those whose speech extends the Spirit's breath,
To build a shelter for the lost and summon life from death.

For all who host the holy meals to keep the faithful fed,
For those who bless and break and share: we thank you Christ, our Bread.
And we rejoice in those whose feasts defy each fence and wall,
Where hunger is the only fee and room is made for all.

For all who lead your hymns of praise to make weak voices strong,
For those who practice, tune, and sing, we thank you, Christ, our Song.
And we rejoice in those whose ears are trained by love and care,
To help all find their note of hope in seasons of despair.

For all who live the words they preach, and practice what they sing,
For all whose lives are raised to you, a living offering.
For all who hear your holy call and will not be deterred,
We thank you Christ, the source of life: our Song, our Bread, our Word.

What kind of
love do you
want to be
known for?

When Joseph
and I got
married, "Great
Is Thy
Faithfulness"
was sung by the
congregation.
Naturally, it
continues to be
my favorite
hymn. — Susan
Krechel

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, in a world full of noise and distraction, help us to hear the voice of Jesus. Open our hearts to your Word and our lives to your calling. By your Spirit, let the love of Christ take root in us anew, that we may be transformed by what we hear today. Amen.

Scripture

John 13: 31-35

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

Message

Love That Lingers

*Hymn

Great is thy Faithfulness

UMH #140

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.

Prayer Response

Amen

UMH #898



Special Music

All Things New

Elaine Hagenberg

Chancel Choir accompanied by Susan Krechel

Light after darkness, gain after loss,
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears,
Home after wand'ring, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wipe away each tear.
He is making all things new.

Sight after myst'ry, sun after rain.
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom,
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wipe away each tear.
He is making all things new.

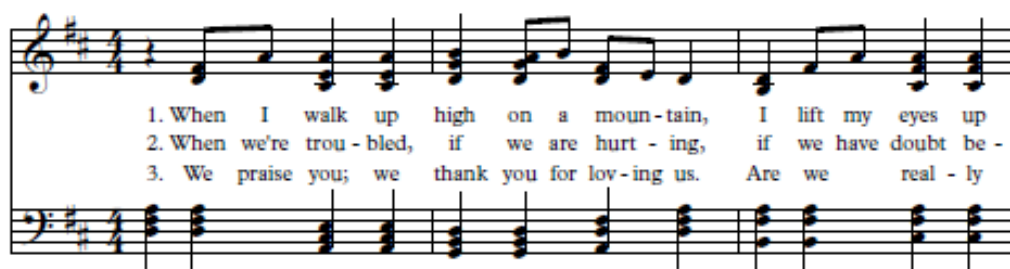
Randy Bryant wrote this hymn in 1992. Please sing in unison.

Today is the first time this hymn has been sung at CUMC!

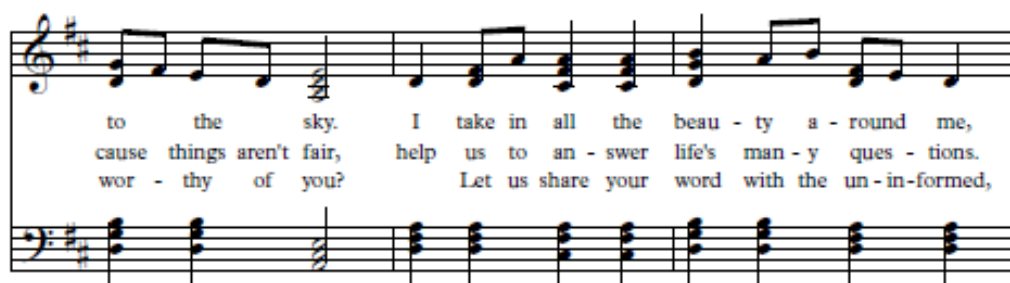
***Hymn**

The Perfect Gift: Your Only Son

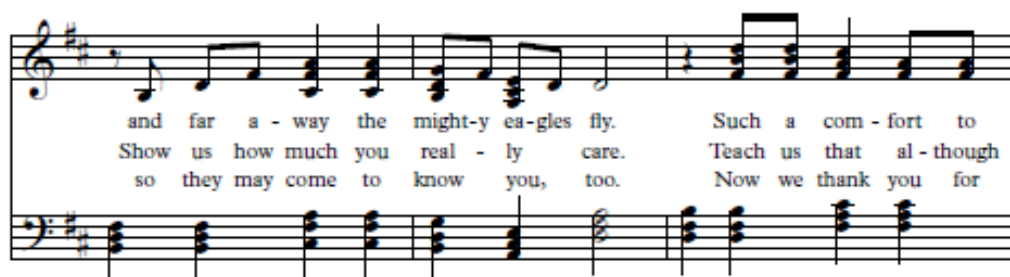
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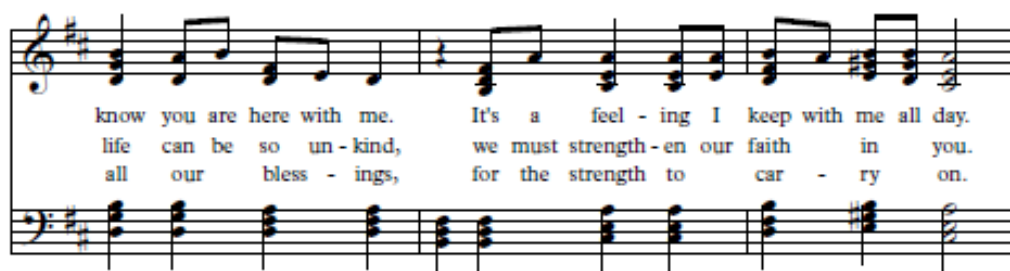
1. When I walk up high on a moun-tain, I lift my eyes up
2. When we're trou-bled, if we are hurt-ing, if we have doubt be-
3. We praise you; we thank you for lov-ing us. Are we real-ly



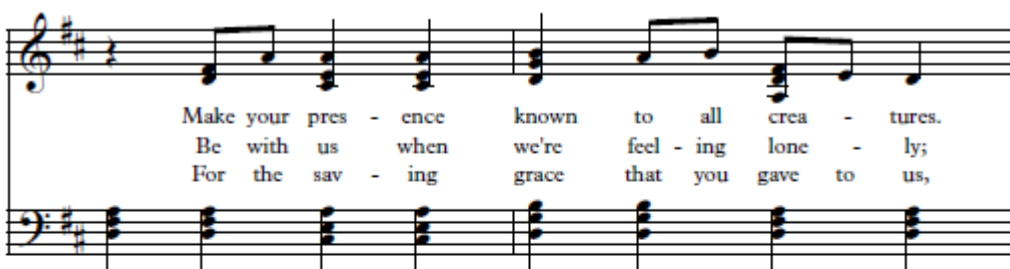
to the sky. I take in all the beau-ty a-round me,
cause things aren't fair, help us to an-swer life's man-y ques-tions.
wor-thy of you? Let us share your word with the un-in-formed,



and far a-way the might-y ea-gles fly. Such a com-fort to
Show us how much you real-ly care. Teach us that al-though
so they may come to know you, too. Now we thank you for



know you are here with me. It's a feel-ing I keep with me all day.
life can be so un-kind, we must strength-en our faith in you.
all our bless-ings, for the strength to car-ry on.



Make your pres-ence known to all crea-tures.
Be with us when we're feel-ing lone-ly;
For the sav-ing grace that you gave to us,



Lord, lift us up and show us the way.
Lord, grant us pa-tience, bring us peace.
the per-fect gift: your on-ly Son.

WORDS:

Randy Bryant
MUSIC: Randy Bryant
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Ministry Moment

Celebrating the Ministry and Retirement of Susan Krechel and Randy Bryant

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

How Can I Keep From Singing?

arr. Lani Smith

*Offering Response

Christ Is Alive

UMH #318, vs. 5

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
Till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, bless these gifts and all we offer. May they be signs of
your love at work through us – feeding and healing bodies and souls,
welcoming the stranger, and building up your beloved community.
Amen.**

* Hymn

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name

UMH #663, verses 1,2,3

*Blessing & Sending Forth

Let us go as people known by love,
Love that serves without counting the cost,
Love that remains through change,
Love that bears witness to Christ among us.

And may the love of God surround you, the grace of Christ sustain you, and
the power of the Spirit send you – to love and to be loved, now and
always. **Amen.**

*Blessing Response:

Shalom to You

UMH #666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends, May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

Hymn Collage

As Christ has
loved us, let us
now respond
with love,
offering our gifts
for God's work
in the world.

You are invited
to join us for
fellowship, cake
and
refreshments at
The Connection
to celebrate the
retirement of
Susan & Randy.

As our final act
of worship, all
are invited to be
seated for the
Postlude.

Notes of Thanks

SUSAN KRECHEL

As I prepare to retire as organist/pianist at CUMC, I find myself reflecting on the more than 50 people who have shared this spiritual and musical journey with me – pastors, music leaders, ensemble members and staff. Congregation members and other groups and individuals have also supported me in countless ways. Naming individuals can be a tricky path, but I need to thank the current worship team. Kris Androsky and Danielle Bridges are amazing in so many ways, and have supported me in faith, music and friendship. I could not have asked for a better worship and music partner and friend than Randy Bryant. Tyler Walters brings a wealth of knowledge and musicality to worship. Chriss Stump does the work of many and accepts any request with an answer and a smile. None of the worship experiences of the past 30 or so years could have been possible without the support of my family, Joseph and Kirsten. They provide me with blessings without number. Our choir members have created meaningful, joyful music while allowing me to support them from the piano - and occasionally accepting my musical suggestions. Let me add a special thank you to Martnie Mortellaro for many years of music and friendship, and to Nickie for sharing our term as music leaders. Last, but not least, my thanks to the congregation for making me feel so appreciated and for valuing the musical life of this church.



RANDY BRYANT

Being an organist has given me a wonderful opportunity to serve God and my church. Being a team organist with Susan has been an incredible blessing.

And what a great music staff to work with. We, along with Danielle, Kris, and Tyler accomplished a lot at our meetings, and had a good time doing it. We throw all our information at Office Chriss, and she turns it into the beautiful bulletins you see each Sunday.

Thanks to everyone who made my job a happy one.

Randy

HELP US WELCOME PASTOR TIM, AUDRA, AND THEIR FAMILY!
TO PREPARE FOR PASTOR TIM'S ARRIVAL IN JULY,
LET'S INTRODUCE COMMUNITY'S COMMUNITY!



Hello LET'S CONNECT 

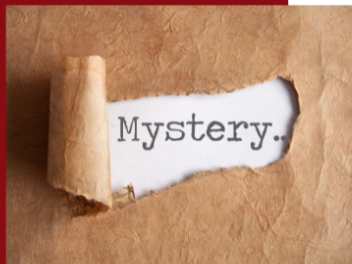
We invite every household to send us a photo and brief note of introduction. These will be compiled and sent to Pastor Tim in the upcoming weeks.

Don't know what to write? Try including: who you are and who is a part of your family, how long you've been a part of the CUMC community, what you're involved in at church and in the broader community, what you enjoy doing in your spare time, an interesting tidbit of information about you.

Send all photos and notes of introduction to Office Chriss at chriss.stump@cumceg.org - or drop them off in the office.

An Exciting Trip to?!

Thursday, June 19, 2025



Mystery Trip

Price includes coach transportation, lunch and all expenses including gratuities.
This trip requires Moderate Walking.

OWLS Members: \$99 OWLS Guest: \$109
Registration Deadline: May 30th

It's a complete mystery! Where are you going, what will you see and do, and where will we eat lunch?

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COMMUNITY WELLBEING PRESENTS

SOUND BATH

WITH TONY STURINO



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT
www.cumceg.org/wellbeing

Saturday - May 31st - 1pm

Reservations Required

Community UMC

14700 Watertown Plank Rd

Elm Grove, WI 53122

262-782-4060

\$20.00 per session

Register by Calling 262-782-4060

Afternoon Tea and Conversation

Friday, June 6, 2025

2:00pm

Hearth Room/Parlor
Casual Dress

NO TEA IN JULY - TEA & FELLOWSHIP - OPEN TO ALL - CALL KATHY HARTKE WITH
QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A TEATIME SNACK: 262-366-6770



Zentangle Ministry

Welcome... Create... Meditate... Connect

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Upcoming Class:

"The Origin of AURAGIN"

Date: June 18 (Wednesday)

Time: 10:00 – 11:30 am

Location: CUMC Disciple Room (In-person, no Zoom)

Fee: \$5 Suggested Donation for CUMC members (\$10 fee for
Public)

RSVP to reserve a seat (limited to 12)

Email Kim Turmel CZT for more information

kimturrelcz@gmail.com

Have you been a part of the CUMC community for awhile and want to join our membership? Are you newer and want to learn more about the United Methodist Church and Community UMC? Are you a member but have questions about how our denomination works?

Join Pastor Kris on June 1st, following worship to learn more about CUMC and our denomination. Ask your questions, meet other people, talk about the United Methodist Church, and learn about what being a member at CUMC really means.

This one hour class will meet in the church library (exit the front door by the Grace Space and walk directly through the Hearth Room to the end of the hallway) at 10:50am on June 1st. Those who attend will have the opportunity to join the church on Sunday, June 15th. Please RSVP to the church office at 262.782.4060

Not able to make the class but want to join? Email Pastor Kris at kris.androsky@cumceg.org to arrange a time to talk.

Community looks forward to welcoming you into membership!



COMMUNITY

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Kris



MARK YOUR
CALENDARS

SUNDAY - JUNE 22ND!

**A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION SEND-OFF FOR OUR
BELOVED PASTOR KRIS ANDROSKY**

🎉 You're Invited to the Pastor Kris Block Party! 🎉

Sunday, June 22nd 10:45am – 12:30pm

**A Community Celebration Send-Off for Our Beloved Pastor
Kris Androsky**

Come ready to celebrate Pastor Kris in true Pastor Kris style—
with joy, laughter, and a whole lot of heart! Join us in the
lower courtyard for an unforgettable afternoon filled with:

🌟 Live Entertainment

🍽️ Lunch, Snacks & Dessert

🎲 Games & Fun Activities

🎶 Pastor Kris Vibes

Let's come together as a community to honor Pastor Kris—

not with a goodbye, but with a "See you again!" ❤️

Everyone is welcome! RSVPs are helpful but not needed.

Want to help make the celebration even more special?

Call Office Chriss at 262.782.4060 or

Chriss.Stump@cumceg.org for volunteer opportunities.

Weekly Happenings

Sunday – May 18th

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

Monday – May 19th (Pastor Kris' Sabbath)

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:30pm – 7:15pm – Choir Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 8:00pm – Revelation Room
- AA Women's Group – 8:00pm – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday – May 20th

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Program Staff Meeting – 1:30pm – Office Conference Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Room
- NAMI Family to Family Series – 6:00pm – Disciple Room

Wednesday – May 21st

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Bell Cleaning Party – 6:15pm – Harmony Room

Thursday – May 22nd

- Mother's Day Out Preschool – 8:30am-3:30pm – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Kris Androsky
Chriss Stump – Office Manager
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director
Susan Krechel – Organist
Randy Bryant – Organist

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Monday-Thursday: 8:00am - 3:30pm
Friday: 8:00am 2:00pm

The Church Office will be Closed Monday, May 26th

**Quarterly Mission Partner:
Walker's Point Youth & Family Center**

Community United 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