



# WELCOME TO COMMUNITY

## – UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

Sunday Service

September 10, 2023

\*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.

*This festive adaptation of Psalm 95 encourages both singer and listener to make time for celebration and gratitude.*

### Gathering Music

*I Come With Joy*  
Susan Krechel

arr. Greg Bottomley

### Welcome and Greeting

#### \*Call to Worship

As we gather today, let us enter into this sacred space with open hearts and open minds.

**We come, ready to listen and reflect.**

In a world filled with conflicts and challenges, we seek guidance from the teachings of Jesus, who calls us to a higher way of living.

**We gather to learn and grow in the ways of forgiveness and accountability.**

Let us remember the words of Jesus, who promised to be present with us as we face difficult truths.

**We open our hearts to the presence of Christ among us.**

Together, we embark on this worship journey, seeking to embody the principles of forgiveness, accountability, and empowerment.

**We respond to the call to worship, ready to be transformed by God's love and grace.**

Let us worship with reverence and hope, for God's kingdom is here among us.

**We worship with joy and expectation, for God's love guides our way. Amen.**

#### \*Hymn

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

UMH #559

#### \*Opening Prayer

**Divine Creator, In the midst of Your boundless grace, we are here today with hearts filled with gratitude. We thank You for the gift of community, for the opportunity to gather as one, bound by our shared faith and purpose. Bless this time of reflection and learning, O Lord, that it may inspire us to be beacons of Your love and grace within our community and beyond. In Your name, we offer our thanks and our prayers. Amen.**

### Special Music

*Sing for Joy*  
Chancel Choir and Clarion Bells

Sandra T. Ford

Sing for joy! It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Towering mountains, peaceful valleys, show the glory God has planned.  
Rivers gliding to the ocean flow from God's creating hand.

Now we come before our Maker and we lift our song of praise,  
For we're sheep within God's pastures. God is Lord of all our days.

### Prayer for Illumination

**Creator God, you made us all in your image: as we are formed by your word, may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture**

Matthew 18:15-20  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Message**

*Soul Stir*

**\*Hymn**

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH #560

**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.**

We offer our prayers for those in the our personal lives, the community, and the world.

**Special Music**

*Amazing Grace*

Mark A. Miller

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and it was grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Amazing grace! Amazing grace that saved and set me free.  
All of my days, amazing grace!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

**Ministry Moment**

**Offertory**

*The Gift of Love*

arr. John Carter

**\*Offering Response** *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Old 100th) UMH #95

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Gracious God, you call us to deep spirituality, bold service, and daring justice. May these gifts help us be the people and the church you long for us to be. Bless these gifts and multiply them for the sake of ourselves and the world. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

UMH #402

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

**\*Postlude**

*O Praise Ye the Lord*

arr. Charles Callahan

We live in a world that thirsts—for justice, for compassion, for love. We are invited to share our gifts with faith that they will serve as living water: quenching thirst, nurturing growth, healing the world. Let us offer our gifts for the work of this congregation, nationally and globally through missions and service.

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

## QUARTERLY MISSION FOCUS: Love Your Neighbor

July, August & September

NAMI Southeast Wisconsin

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter mission partner is NAMI Southeast Wisconsin. NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. NAMI Southeast Wisconsin is a local affiliate of NAMI with offices in Waukesha. NAMI Southeast Wisconsin offers evidence-based programs for individuals and families impacted by mental illness at no cost to ensure that people get the support and information they need. NAMI also works with educators, community leaders, and media outlets to inform, advocate, and equip citizens with better understanding of mental health and suicide prevention. Your loose change and designated offerings will support this important work in our community.



**Name badges** are available to be picked up in the Revelation Room on Sunday mornings. If you need a name tag, please sign-up on the sheet next to the name tags and we will make one for you.



The food pantry of **United Methodist Children's Services** is requesting these "suggested" items for September. Thank you for your donations!

- Rice & Boxed Potatoes
- Pasta & Sauce
- Bar soap
- Individually wrapped toothbrushes/toothpaste



**Save the Date: Thursday, September 28**

**Potluck Salad Luncheon**

**Program: *Variety: The Children's Charity of Wisconsin – Elm Grove***

Watch for more details to follow

**Would you like to provide flowers for a Sunday Worship Service?**

If so, you will find the 2023 Flower Chart on an easel in the Revelation Room during the Connection. Thank you!





Let's get together as a Community to give **NEW SOCKS** -

Socks to the Hope Center of Waukesha

Socks of All Kinds

Socks for Kids – Women – Men

Socks such as ankle, shortcuts, crew, knee highs, warm winter socks

Collection starts on September 10<sup>th</sup> thru September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Drop off your donations in the marked box in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, or drop off your donation in the white bin in Fellowship Hall.

### LET'S SOCK IT TO 'EM

Thank you for contributing!!

Sponsored by the Small Group – Girls on Friday

## You're invited to *The Connection!*

Please join others immediately after worship for conversation & refreshments.

It's just down the hall.



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**Community United Methodist Church** is building a community of people who love God and neighbor

through a focus on

**Overall Wellbeing** (spiritual, physical, mental and emotional health) and **Intergenerational Community Service Opportunities.**

### SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM

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

### CHURCH STAFF

Pastors: Rev. Kris Androsky & Rev. Bridget Case

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