

2026  
February 22

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.



# welcome

## COMMUNITY

— UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ELM GROVE, WISCONSIN EST: 1949

### Gathering Music

*Morning Has Broken – Traditional Gaelic melody*

harm. by Carlton R. Young

### Welcome and Greeting

#### \*Call to Worship

The good news of the gospel is:

**manna in the desert, water turned into wine, love after loss, forgiveness after pain.**

The good news of the gospel is:

**release for the captive, hope for the hopeless, mourning turned to dancing, and strangers turned to friends.**

So come on in.

There's no time to waste!

This surprising good news is here for you.

**Let us worship this good-news God.**

#### \*Hymn

*This Is a Day of New Beginnings*

UMH #383, vs. 1-4

#### Opening Prayer:

**Loving God, it is easy to see the mustard plant and forget to marvel at the seed. It is easy to taste good wine and not appreciate it. It is easy to miss the holy that is in our midst. So, as we come to worship today, surprise us. Speak to us. Move through us. Draw us closer to your good news. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

#### Scripture Lesson:

Isaiah 55: 1-5  
Sandy Retherford

#### Special Music

*Proclamation*  
Clarion Bells

Kevin McChesney

#### Scripture Lesson:

John 2: 1-11  
Pastor Tim O'Brien

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

#### Young Disciples

**Message**

The Good News is ... So Good It Catches Us by Surprise

**Hymn**

*Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring*

UMH #644

**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**

*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

TFWS #2200

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the Treble staff, and the bass line is in the Bass staff. The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second line of music.

**Special Music**

*Fantasy on All Creatures of Our God and King*

Clarion Bells

arr. Sandra Eithun

**Ministry Moment****Invitation to the Offering****Offertory**

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

Naida Hearn

**\*Offering Response**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we bring what we have—our resources, our time, and our very selves. In this season of Lent, surprise us. Take these gifts, which feel like simple water, and transform them into the 'fine wine' of your kingdom: food for the hungry, hope for the weary, and a witness of your abundant love to the world. Amen.

### \*Hymn

*It Is Well with My Soul*

UMH #377, vs. 1, 3, 4

### \*Blessing & Sending Forth

As we leave this place,

**When we meet anger, let us speak with love. When we meet fear, let us speak with hope. When we meet pain, let us speak with gentleness.**

But no matter what, let us speak about this good news.

**For the good news of the gospel is love and justice for all. It is joy that surprises, and nonviolence that transforms.**

The good news of the gospel is alive in the world, so go forth speaking. For if you won't, then who will? Thanks be to God for this good, good news. Amen.  
**Amen**

### \*Blessing Response

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

UMH #292, vs. 3

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme I will sing.

### \*Postlude

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

John Zundel

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



The Good News Collective is a reflective journey through word and art — where a Lenten message stirs the soul and creativity takes shape. Each gathering includes a simple, guided art project designed for all skill levels, and you'll leave with a finished piece to take home as a reminder of the season. No artistic experience needed — just come, create, and carry the story with you.

**The first 3 Mondays in March - 6:00pm**

**March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Prayer Beads**

**March 9<sup>th</sup> - String Cross**

**March 16<sup>th</sup> - 3 Crosses Frame**



Holy Week

Maundy Thursday  
Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Good Friday  
Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday  
Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the Sanctuary  
[www.cumceg.org/lent](http://www.cumceg.org/lent)



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CAN SAVE A LIFE

**Saturday**

**February**

**28**

**8:00AM - 12:00PM**

Register at:  
[www.cumceg.org](http://www.cumceg.org)

**COMMUNITY UMC**  
14700 Watertown Plank Road  
Elm Grove, WI 53122

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**Back by popular demand - The Book**  
Ahead Board Book Drive, coming in March.

[www.cumceg.org/cumcreads](http://www.cumceg.org/cumcreads)



**Monday – February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Revelation Room
- Wisconsin Conservatory of Music – 4:00pm – Choir Room
- Crosstown Harmony – 6:00pm – Revelation Room
- Family Ministry Team Meeting – 6:00pm – Library
- VBS Planning Meeting – 6:30pm - Library

**Tuesday – February 24<sup>th</sup>**

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Chair Yoga – 2:30pm – Wellbeing Center
- Praise Team Rehearsal – 7:30pm - Sanctuary

**Wednesday – February 25<sup>th</sup>**

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Clarion Bells Rehearsal – 6:15pm – Harmony Room
- Chancel Choir – 7:30pm – Choir Room

**Thursday – February 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Mother's Day Out – Edu Wing & Rev Room
- Floor Yoga – 9:30am – Wellbeing Center
- Tai Chi – 10:00am – Wellbeing Center
- Genesis Bible Study – 2:30pm – Disciple Room
- Jubilate Chimes Rehearsal – 6:00pm – Harmony Room
- AA Men's Group – 8:00pm – Disciple Room

**Friday – February 27<sup>th</sup> (Pastor Tim's Sabbath)**

- Children's Choir – 4:30pm – Choir Room

**Saturday – February 28<sup>th</sup>**

- Blood Drive – 8:00am-12:00pm - Fellowship Hall

**Sunday – March 1<sup>st</sup>**

- Sunday Service – 9:30am – Sanctuary (Children's Choir & Chimes)
- Children's Chapel – During Service – Edu Wing
- Connection – 10:30am – Revelation Room
- Lenten Bible Study – 10:45am – Disciple Room

**Quarterly Mission Partner/Loose Coin Offering:  
Hope Center of Waukesha**

Hospitality Team for Next Sunday - 03.01.26

Front Door: Tom Curl

West Door: Ann Walker

Narthex: Lynda Curl

Ushers: Dianne White, Darrel White, Tom Raley, Marianne Ludwick

Connection: Marlene Salek, Mary Goens

Liturgist: Joseph Krechel

Children's Chapel: Sandy Retherford, Linda Irwin

Children's Greeter: Sandy Retherford Runner: Chriss Stump

Communion Stewards: Joseph Krechel, Kim Turmel, Jeff Turmel

**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 – Office Manager  
Danielle Bridges – Director of Music  
Tyler Walters – Praise Team Director  
Sarah Kwon - Organist/Pianist  
Shann McClain - Custodian  
Jim Ausprung - Maintenance  
Tracey Magyar – MDO Director  
Amanda Glassman – MDO Asst Director  
Cat Stump & Lupita Lopez - Nursery

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

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