

# Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, October 8, 2023

## **Greeting and Announcements**

### **Centering Words**

#### **\*Call to Worship<sup>1</sup> (Leader part, Congregation part)**

Christ the cornerstone welcomes us to this house of God.

**May our minds perceive God's word, even as our hearts receive God's love.**

May God's Spirit bless us with wisdom and faith.

#### **Opening Prayer<sup>1</sup>**

##### **\*Opening Hymn**

*UMH #394*

*Something Beautiful, Something Good*

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God of grace and God of glory, bless us with your mercy and your steadfast love.**

**When we pursue pointless gains and embark on dead-end journeys, guide us back to your ways.**

**When we strive for our own righteousness, remind us that your righteousness is all we need.**

**When we reject your teaching, or, even worse, reject your presence, love us and correct our ways.**

**Forgive us and welcome us home into the arms of your grace and love. Amen.**

#### **Words of Assurance (Leader)**

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn of Preparation**      *UMH #298*

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**Scripture:**                      *Matthew 21:33-46*

**Message**                              Cornerstone

**Offertory**

**Doxology**                              UMH #95

**Offertory Prayer<sup>1</sup>**

**\*Closing Hymn**                      *Blue Praise Book #3148*

*There's a Spirit of Love In this Place*

**Benediction<sup>1</sup>**

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth**              UMH# 665

**Go Now in Peace**

**Postlude**

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## Announcements

- EWOWS (yarn group)
  - Saturday, October 14, 10am-noon
  - We'll have some snacks!
  - Invite your friends!
- Trunk or Treat is coming!
  - October 20th, at 6pm
  - We'll have hotdogs, popcorn, sodas, and a MOVIE!
- Do you have an idea, or need, for a small group?  
Let us know
- Do you have anything to add?

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Birthday
  - October 15 - Glen Lash
  - October 23 - Andy Folke
- Anniversaries
  - October 4 - Dave & Kim Reese