

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, October 29, 2023

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

***Call to Worship¹ (Leader part, Congregation part)**

God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,

before the earth and sky were formed,

God was from everlasting to everlasting.

We come to worship this day,

that God may gather us in.

We will be close to God's heart,

and we will dwell in God's grace.

We will love God fully,

and we will love one another well.

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #389

Freely, Freely

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

God of Mercy, we hear your command to love one another.

These words are easy to say yet so difficult to do.

If only loving could be as natural as breathing, but it takes work and dedication.

Even when we think we are following you, God, it is easy to get distracted, overwhelmed, turned around, even lost.

**We turn to the loud praise of the world, rather than the quiet whisper of your blessing.
We do the simple, the least-resistant, and leave the difficult behind.
Turn us around, God.
Turn us back to you when we have wandered, when we have suffered, or when we bring suffering on others.
Show us once more what love looks like and send us into the world to try again. Amen.**

Words of Assurance (Leader)

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation** *UMH #140*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture: *Matthew 22:34-46*

Message Two Important Questions

Offertory

Doxology *UMH #95*

Offertory Prayer¹

***Closing Hymn** *UMH #514*

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Benediction¹

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

UMH# 665
Go Now in Peace

Postlude

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Announcements

- EWOWS (yarn group)
 - Saturday, November 11th, 10am-noon
- Church Conference
 - November 12th, 2pm
- Advent Bible Study!
 - Tuesdays, 7pm-8pm
 - Nov 28, Dec 5, 12,19
 - Studying "An Unlikely Advent"
 - Please order with Glen, \$14: email pasteretown@gmail.com
- Do you have an idea, or need, for a small group?
Let us know
- Do you have anything to add?

Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Birthday
 - October 23 - Andy Folke
- Anniversaries
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