

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, November 5, 2023

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

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

Called to service in Christ's name, let us worship together and listen to God's word.

We gather to worship God and bring comfort to those who hunger and thirst.

Step confidently into the river of faith.

We gather to help one another cross the River Jordan.

Come! Let us worship the Lord, our God.

We come to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #723

Shall We Gather At the River

Litany of Remembrance² (Leader, Congregation)

Living God, our Guide and Guardian,

Who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. We set aside this moment to remember

Those saints who are dear and precious to us

Who have died and entered into glory during the last twelve months.

We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints, and rejoice for them that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence.

We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples.

We honor them now by lifting their names in our hearts.

On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.

And so, we remember:

We are God's children.

What we shall be has not yet been revealed; but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. So today and every day, may we put on Christ and live as saints who tend the poor, comfort the mourners, learn from the meek, affirm those who seek righteousness, offer mercy alongside the merciful, and work for peace with the peacemakers until Christ comes in final victory and we feast as the family of God at his heavenly banquet. Amen.

Rest in the assurance of God's redeeming love.

Words of Assurance (Leader)

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation** *UMH #474*

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Scripture: *Matthew 23:1-12*

Message Upside Down World

Offertory

Doxology *UMH #95*

Offertory Prayer¹

***Closing Hymn** *UMH #357*

Just As I Am

Benediction¹

Step confidently into the waters of grace.

God leads us into life.

Work humbly in the service of others.

Christ leads us into life.

Proclaim boldly the glory of our God.

The Spirit leads us into life.

Go with God's blessings.

***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
 - Nov. 15 - Hazel Brebberman
 - Nov 17 - Dennis Simpson
- Anniversaries
 - Nov. 12 - Andy & Abby Folke