

# Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, January 14, 2024

## **Greeting and Announcements**

### **Centering Words**

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

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

**The One who fashioned us in our mother's womb  
calls us this day.**

Lead us, O God, and we will follow.

**The One acquainted with all our ways leads us  
into life.**

Bless us, Spirit of wisdom and truth, and guide us  
home.

**The One who hems us in, from behind and before,  
is a lamp to our feet.**

Speak to us, Lord, for your servants are listening.

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

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

*Blue Praise Book #2164*

*Sanctuary*

#### **Prayer of Yearning (Unison)**

**God of a thousand voices, we yearn to hear your  
call: when we lie down to sleep, when we rise to  
meet the sun, when we offer our industry, when  
we gather with family and friends.**

**Speak to us once more, Lord of life, when we  
mistake your call or dismiss it as a dream.**

**Hem us in with your power and your might that  
we may feel your hand leading us and your love**

**guiding our way, through Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
Amen**

Words of Assurance (Leader)

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

*UMH #593*

Here I Am, Lord

**Scripture:** *1 Samuel 3:1-10; John 1: 43-51*

**Message** Listening for a Call

**Offertory**

**Doxology** UMH #95

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

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Blue Praise Book #2129*

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

**Benediction<sup>1</sup>** (Leader part, **Congregation part**)

Wherever you go, speak words of love and grace to everyone you meet.

**We will speak words of hope and faith to gladden the heart and strengthen the spirit.**

As those who are called by the living God, invite others to hear Christ's call in their lives.

**We will remind all God's children that God is speaking still.**

## **\*Hymn of Sending Forth**

UMH# 665  
Go Now in Peace

## **Postlude**

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## Announcements

- EWOWS (yarn group)
  - Saturday, January 27th, 10am-noon
- Board Meeting
  - Sunday, January 28th, right after service
    - We'll plan out our ministry events for the rest of the year
- Bible Study
  - Tuesdays, 7pm-8pm
    - 2024 start date TBA
- Do you have an idea, or need, for a small group?  
Let us know
- Do you have anything to add?

## Birthdays/Anniversaries

- Birthday
  - none
- Anniversaries
  - none