

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, January 21, 2024

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

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

Gathered in worship with silence and sound,
we wait upon God's grace.

Gathered in worship with focused heart and mind,
we anticipate the time we face.

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #352

It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy One, you have called us from the seashore to service in this world.

You have pulled us from our comfort to embrace the inconvenience of servanthood.

You have put before us an opportunity that we never truly wanted.

Like Jonah, who resented going where you sent him, we are restless and resistant.

We'd rather sleep in a boat and go about a casual kind of life.

We'd rather live our days as we always have and let the tides carry us where they will.

May the storms of our days shake us to new awareness and renewed paths of faithful living.

Amen

Words of Assurance (Leader)

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #117

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Scripture:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Message

Sometimes God Changes His Mind

Offertory

Doxology

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer¹

***Closing Hymn**

UMH #354

I Surrender All

Benediction¹ (Leader part, **Congregation part**)

The kingdom of God is near.

We are called to action.

The kingdom of God unfolds throughout our lives.

We will take the word of grace into the world.

Go, redeemed and blessed, for you are never alone.

We will spread the good news! Amen

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

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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
- 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