

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, April 21, 2024

3471 Wayne Ave, North Bend, OH 45052
513-253-4510 pastoretown@gmail.com e-townumc.org

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

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

The Lord is my shepherd, I will fear no darkness.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, has compassion for all.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Open your hearts to goodness and mercy today.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Love, not merely in thought and word, but in truth and action.

We will love one another, as Christ loves us.

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #419

I Am Thine, O Lord

Prayer of Yearning (Unison)

**Good Shepherd, help us become your bold acolytes,
lighting the way of your truth for all to see.**

**Help us choose honorable paths through green
pastures and still waters amid the darkest valleys of
our lives.**

**For you are greater than our fears and you know
how to bring us peace.**

**As you laid down your life for us, may we strive to
live for others.**

We choose you this day, for no other name under heaven inspires us to greater joy. Amen.

Words of Assurance

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #700

Abide with Me

Scripture:

1 John 3:16-24

Message

Practicing Real Love

Offertory

Doxology

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer¹

***Closing Hymn**

FWS #2175

Together We Serve

Benediction and Dismissal¹

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

UMH# 672

God Be With You

Postlude

¹ From *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2024*. Copyright ©2023 by Abingdon Press. Used by permission.

Announcements

- EWOWS (yarn group)
 - Saturday, April 27, 10am-noon
- Board Meeting
 - May 5th, right after worship
- Do you have an idea, or need, for a small group?
Let us know
- Do you have anything to add?

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- April 30th
 - Kim's Birthday
- Let us know if we missed your special day