

# Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



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**Prelude**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Centering Words**

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

God of covenant love,

**we praise you for planting seeds of your love within Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants.**

God of incarnate love,

**we marvel at the magnificent family tree that your divine love has created among us.**

God of welcoming love,

**we thank you that you have made a home for us within the branches of your family tree.**

God of everlasting love,

**we worship you, we love you, and we honor you with all that we are.**

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

**\*Opening Hymn**

TFWS #2282

*I'll Fly Away*

**Prayer of Yearning (Unison)<sup>1</sup>**

**Holy God, you do not see as mortals see; for you look not at outward, appearances but rather on the heart.**

**We long to be found worthy when you look upon our hearts.**

**We yearn to forsake our petty grievances and our unkind thoughts.**

**We wish we could shuck our selfish motivations and our deceptions.**

**God, please help us be the best versions of ourselves. It's painful to admit the harm we do to one another. Create in our hearts a burning desire to please you. Grant us the courage to see our hearts as you see them, and give us the wisdom to trust your love. For you seek to transform us into your new creations. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance<sup>1</sup> (Leader part, Congregation part)**

May those who desire to please Christ, find the desires of their hearts.

**In Christ, we are a new creation.**

Everything old has passed away.

**Everything has become new!**

Glory to God!

**Amen.**

**A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer**

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #545

*The Church's One Foundation*

**Scripture:**

Mark 4:26-34

**Message**

*Planting Seeds*

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

UMH #95

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

**\*Closing Hymn**

TFWS #2147

*There Are Some Things I May Not Know*

**Benediction and Dismissal<sup>1</sup>**

**\*Hymn of Sending Forth**

UMH# 672

*God Be With You*

**Postlude**

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## Announcements

- "Just Like Me" MAD Day Camp
  - June 10-14
- Cincinnati Pride Parade
  - Saturday, June 22, time TBA
- Fishing Day
  - Saturday, July 13, 10am-noon
- EWOWS (yarn group)
  - Saturday, July 13, 10am-noon
- Do you have anything to add?

## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- June 16th
  - Jayne's Birthday
- June 24th
  - Nick's Birthday
- Let us know if we missed your special day