

# Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



*Sunday, January 5, 2025*

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**Prelude**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Centering Words**

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

Bring your gifts and bring your love to honor the King of love.

**Bring your worship and bring your praise to pay homage to Christ Jesus, our King.**

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

**\*Opening Hymn**

UMH #251

*Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

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

**Christ Jesus, we yearn for your grace to fill our lives.**

**We yearn to accept your love so fully that our hearts might overflow with love for your world.**

**Gift us, not just with your mercy and grace, but with an openness and confidence to receive your gifts.**

**Shine through our hearts, our lives, and our actions, that others may find in us generous friends of grace and love.**

**May our prayers and our actions bring your light and love to the world. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance<sup>1</sup>**

**Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer**

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #249

*There's a Song in the Air*

**Scripture:**

Matthew 2:1-12

**Message**

*By Another Route*

**Offertory**

**Doxology**

UMH #95

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

**\*Closing Hymn**

UMH #254

*We Three Kings*

## **Benediction and Dismissal**

Arise; shine!

**The world needs our light.**

Go forth with grace and love.

**Every person needs our grace and love.**

Go forth with the gift of Christ's presence.

**Christ's presence will save us all. Amen.**

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

UMH# 672  
*God Be With You*

## **Postlude<sup>1</sup>**

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## Announcements

- EWOWS (yarn group)
  - Saturday, January 11, 10am-12pm
- Board Meeting
  - Sunday, January 19, right after service
- Do you have anything to add?

## Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Let us know if we missed your special day

**If there's a way the church can serve you, and our community, we want to talk. Call or text us at 513-253-4510.**