

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, December 31, 2023

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

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

With mighty mountains and crashing seas,
praise the name of the Lord.

With rolling valleys and lush forests,
praise the name of our God.

With tiny ants and majestic eagles,
praise the name of the Holy One.

With innocent children and wise elders,
praise the name of Love.

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #246

Joy to the World

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**We come to you with joy and happiness, but we
know it won't always be so.**

The human heart is a fickle thing.

**As we celebrate the birth of your Son, open us to
the many ways you seek to bless us.**

**Free our lips to sing your praises, even when we
feel alone and in need.**

**As a new year dawns, help us bring righteousness
and praise to all the earth in your heavenly name.**

Amen

Words of Assurance (Leader)

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation** *UMH #217*

Away in a Manger

Scripture: *Luke 2:21-40*

Message Simeon (A Monologue)

Offertory

Doxology UMH #95

Offertory Prayer¹

***Closing Hymn** *UMH #249*

There's a Song in the Air

Benediction¹

***Hymn of Sending Forth** UMH# 665

Go Now in Peace

Postlude

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Announcements

- Bible Study
 - Tuesdays, 7pm-8pm
 - 2024 start date TBA
- EWOWS (yarn group) are done for the year!
 - Saturday, January 13, 10am-noon
- 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