

# Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, January 7, 2024

## **Greeting and Announcements**

### **Centering Words**

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

Listen for God's word ...

**calling forth creation.**

Listen for God's word ...

**working with power and majesty.**

Listen for God's word ...

**speaking blessings.**

Listen for God's word ...

**in this moment.**

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

#### **\*Opening Hymn**

*UMH #145*

*Morning Has Broken*

#### **Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God, we are so tired.**

**The holidays were a wonderful, busy time, as we celebrated the birth of Jesus.**

**As we return to life without festive celebrations, we long to avoid feeling let down or discouraged.**

**Teach us to listen for your gentle voice.**

**Help us awaken to the quiet stirrings of new life in our hearts and in our communities.**

**As your children, called into being by your word, remake and renew us, that we may follow you with joy. Amen**

Words of Assurance (Leader)

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn of Preparation**      *UMH #383*

This is a Day of New Beginnings

**Scripture:**                      *Genesis 1:1-5; Mark 1:1-11*

**Message**                              New Beginnings

**Offertory**

**Doxology**                              UMH #95

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

**\*Closing Hymn**                              *UMH #191*

*Jesus Loves Me*

**Benediction<sup>1</sup>**

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

Go Now in Peace

**Postlude**

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## Announcements

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