

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, March 31, 2024

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Prelude

In the Garden

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

Opening¹ (Leader part, **Congregation part**)

Very early, still in darkness, we set out.

Sorrowful, uncertain, knowing only our loss, we return
to the tomb in our anguish and our love.

Love looks back at us and calls us by name.

You are seeking Jesus, who died on the cross.

He has been raised.

He is not here in your loss.

The tomb could not hold him.

Risen, he goes before you with new life for the world.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

This very day, God has acted.

Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

We know the message that God sends to all people.

**God's peace, preached by Jesus Christ, is available
to all through the Lord of life.**

The one who lived among us,

doing good and healing all,

was crucified, dead and buried.

But God raised him on the third day.

This very day, God has acted.

Today, we will rejoice and be glad!

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #657
This Is the Day

Prayer of Yearning (Unison)

Risen Jesus, how we long to proclaim the good news we have received – you are risen, the tomb is empty, and you are present with your friends.

Remind us not to look for you in the places where we lost you – our grief, our failure, the death all around us.

For you have been raised.

You are not trapped in some tomb.

Help us proclaim your resurrection with confidence this day.

Flawed as we are, help us perceive how deeply we are loved, for your grace and mercy never fail.

Amen.

Words of Assurance

Special Music

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed;
Celtic Alleluia;
Crown Him with Many Crowns;
Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
Nick & Denny

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #302

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Scripture:

Mark 16:1-8

Special Music

He Lives

Layne

Message

You are Looking for Jesus

Offertory

Christ Has Risen

Doxology

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer¹

***Closing Hymn**

UMH 322

Up From the Grave He Arose

Benediction and Dismissal¹ (Responsive)

Easter people of Jesus Christ,
this very day, God has acted.

Jesus is raised from the dead.

Let us rejoice and be glad.

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

UMH# 672

God Be With You

Postlude

Thine Be the Glory

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Announcements

- Easter Egg Hunt, **today**, right after worship, around 11:30
- EWOWS (yarn group)
 - Saturday, April 13, 10am-noon
- Do you have an idea, or need, for a small group?
Let us know
- Do you have anything to add?

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Let us know if we missed your special day