

# 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)**

It is good for God's people to gather together in unity.

**We are here at the invitation of God.**

In this place, God's love and grace flow into our lives.

**In this place, God's blessings abound.**

Praise be to God!

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

**\*Opening Hymn**

UMH #557

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

**Prayer of Confession (Unison)**

**God of grace and mercy, we want to continue singing the alleluias of Easter, but there are days we just don't feel like singing.**

**Sometimes we lock ourselves away, fearful of what has happened or what the day may bring.**

**Sometimes we allow our doubts to overwhelm our faith.**

**Sometimes we forget about the needs of our neighbors because we are so focused on ourselves.**

**Forgive us.**

**Draw us back to you and to one another.**

**Help us walk in your love and light, that others may see in us the loving presence of the risen Christ.  
Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

### **A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer**

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

### **\*Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #548

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

### **Scripture:**

1 John 1:1-2:2

### **Message**

*Walking in the Light*

### **Offertory**

### **Doxology**

UMH #95

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

### **\*Closing Hymn**

FWS #2223

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

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

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

UMH# 672

*God Be With You*

### **Postlude**

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## Announcements

- 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