

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, November 3, 2024

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Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

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

Lift up your heads, O gates.

The King of glory has come.

Mourning and death shall be no more.

Feast on rich food and fine wine.

Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation.

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #362

Nothing But the Blood

Litany of Remembrance (Leader part, Congregation part) ²

Living God, our Guide and Guardian,

Who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life,

we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue

who now rest in the shelter of your embrace.

We set aside this moment to remember

Those saints who are dear and precious to us

Who have died and entered into glory

during the last twelve months.

As each name is called, ring a bell and/or light a candle in honor of each person.

We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints,

and rejoice for them that they have entered

into the fullness of life in your presence.

We also remember those saints who

We hold in our hearts who have not been

With us for some time, yet whose life and witness

Continue to form and shape us as your disciples.
We honor them now by lifting their names in our hearts.
On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember
that we too are living saints,
members of the family of God
with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.
And so, we remember:

We are God's children.

**What we shall be has not yet been revealed;
but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like
him,**

for we shall see him as he is.

**So today and every day,
may we put on Christ and live as saints
who tend the poor,
comfort the mourners,
learn from the meek,
affirm those who seek righteousness,
offer mercy alongside the merciful,
and work for peace with the peacemakers
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast as the family of God
at his heavenly banquet. Amen.**

Words of Assurance¹

Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #710

Faith of Our Fathers

Scripture:

Revelation 21:1-6a,
John 11:32-44

Message

No More Tears

Offertory

Doxology

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer¹

***Closing Hymn**

UMH #368
My Hope Is Built

Benediction and Dismissal (Leader, Congregation)

Hold fast to the faith of God's saints, past and present.

In our living and in our dying, we belong to God.

Trust the example they left for us to follow.

**In our loving and in our service, we are heirs with
Christ.**

Walk in the puddles of light the saints left as footprints for
us to follow.

**In our journeys of faith, we are one in the Spirit, we are
one in the Lord.**

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

UMH# 665
Go Now in Peace

Postlude¹

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² Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, *Discipleship Ministries*, April 2023.

Announcements

- EWOWS (yarn group)
 - Saturday, November 9, 10am-12pm
- Hanging of the Greens
 - December 1, right after service
- Do you have anything to add?

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- October 23 - Andy's Birthday
- November 12 - Andy & Abby's Anniversary
- 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.