

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, April 6, 2025

Prelude

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

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

When we have been hurt and lost,

God brings us laughter and joy.

When our lives reach a dead end,

God opens a way forward.

When the rivers of our lives dry up,

God sends living water to quench our thirst.

God has done great things for us!

Let us rejoice!

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #298

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Prayer of Yearning¹ (Unison)

**Compassionate God, we do not always see the harvest
of joy that we sow from our tears.**

**Some losses take hold of us and we dwell in
disappointment and grief.**

We don't always know what to think of you.

**We want to embrace new life, hope, and joy, but don't
always know how.**

**Bless us with your merciful help, that we might walk
from our tombs like Lazarus, and sit by Jesus' side,
eating and laughing.**

**Help us kneel at Jesus' feet in love and commitment, as
we celebrate our new lives.**

**Come to us, healing God, and renew us and our love for
you. Amen.**

Words of Assurance¹

Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

UMH #528

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Scripture:

Psalm 126; John 12:1-8

Message

Fill Me with Laughter

Offertory

Doxology

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer¹

***Closing Hymn**

UMH #453

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Benediction and Dismissal (Responsive)

Jesus left the house of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus on his way to Jerusalem.

Jesus left this house of comfort and friendship,

knowing the deep love of his disciple Mary.

So let us leave this house of peace today, knowing we will meet Jesus in Jerusalem soon.

And while we travel from here to there, may we carry fragrant love for our brother, savior, and beloved friend. Amen.

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

UMH# 672

God Be With You, Till We Meet Again

Postlude¹

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Announcements

- EWOWS (yarn group)
 - Saturday, April 12, 10am-12pm
- Easter Egg Hunt
 - Easter, April 20, right after worship service
- No Worship Service
 - April 27
 - May 4
- Final Normal Worship Service
 - May 18
- Final Celebration Worship Service
 - July 20

Upcoming Birthdays & Anniversaries

- March 18 - Anna & Trevor's Anniversary
- March 20 - Trevor's Birthday
- 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.