

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, January 28, 2024

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

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

Fount of Life, Glorious One, your great works are full of honor and majesty:

the earth that we stand on, the trees that shade us, the birds that soar above us.

Ever-Living God, Generous One, your goodness and faithfulness endure forever:

the wisdom we learn, the justice we long and work for, the hope you offer.

Sheltering God, Healing One, you remember your covenant and its promises to us:

the grace and mercy you give, the healing you offer, the tenderness you show to us.

The works of your hands are faithful and just. Your teachings are trustworthy and true.

Your praise endures forever! Amen.

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

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Prayer of Yearning (Unison)

Gracious God, when we speak of your great power, the power that abounds in creation all around us, we sometimes wonder if it is in our own lives.

We hear that you are faithful, that you remember us and your promises, yet there are places in our lives that don't feel quite right.

We often wonder what you have to do with our lives, especially in the places that hurt.

Help us trust your promised grace, for we long to touch your healing peace. Amen

Words of Assurance (Leader)

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

***Hymn of Preparation**

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Scripture:

Mark 1:21-28

Message

Amazed!

Offertory

Doxology

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer¹

***Closing Hymn**

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Benediction¹ (Leader part, Congregation part)

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything!

You are the source of our life, our wisdom, our healing.

What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything!

You give us mercy, grace, and hope.

What have you to do with the world, Jesus of Nazareth?

Everything!

You are the holy one of God, the savior of the World!

Let us give thanks with our whole hearts!

Amen

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

UMH# 665

Go Now in Peace

Postlude

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Announcements

- Board Meeting
 - Today, right after service
 - We'll plan out our ministry events for the rest of the year
- EWOWS (yarn group)
 - Saturday, February 10th, 10am-noon
- Reconciling Ministries Brunch
 - February 3, 10:30am-12pm
 - Great Miami River District Office @ Brecon UMC
 - See flyer on next page for more details
- Do you have an idea, or need, for a small group?
Let us know
- Do you have anything to add?

Upcoming Birthdays

- None

Upcoming Anniversaries

- Everett & Rita Rudisell, Feb 5



Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

In Faith & UMC—Brunch for All

Persons who are LGBTQ+, their families and friends are looking for a spiritual home as they face increased threats and personal attacks by some Christian communities and hard-hearted politicians. Are you LGBTQ+ in search of solace and community? Is your friend or family LGBTQ+ and looking for a spiritual home?

Congregations from Williamsburg in Clermont County to Englewood in Montgomery County and Wilmington in Clinton County are carving an identity as inclusive United Methodist congregations. The Gospel empowers them. Are you looking for one? Are you and others in your congregation thinking the same thing?

New worshipping communities of United Methodists left-behind in disaffiliation votes are forming. Are you interested?

Inclusive and Reconciling United Methodist congregations exist and are forming. Some of them from the Great Miami River District and beyond (formerly Ohio River Valley & Miami Valley) will answer questions and offer guidance. Please join them for **brunch and conversation**. Learn from Reconciling congregations, inclusive congregations, and affirming new faith communities. Individuals (clergy & lay) and small groups are encouraged to attend.

February 3, 2024, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Great Miami River District @ Brecon UMC

7388 E. Kemper Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45249

(Just north of I-275 — Blue Ash/West Chester area)

RSVP: annieburton@gmail.com (Tri-State Reconciling Community)

