

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, February 18, 2024

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Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

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

Bring your lives, full of sorrow and joy.

Bring yourselves, full of hope and despair.

Come in your brokenness, ready for fullness of life.

**Stay in your weakness, ready to receive strength
and the power of God.**

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

Blue Praise Book # 1023
As the Deer

Prayer of Yearning (Unison)

**Merciful God, you know the worries and the doubts
that fill our lives.**

Strengthen our faith and inspire our trust.

**Show us with your mercy and grace, that we may
embrace the fullness of life and love, through the
power of your Holy Spirit and the mercy of Jesus,
the Christ. Amen**

Words of Assurance (Leader part, Congregation part)

God is good.

All the time.

And all the time,

God is good.

Trust this truth and receive God's gifts of mercy and
love.

Amen.

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

Blue Praise #2088

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Scripture:

Genesis 9:8-17, Mark 1:9-15

Message

Forty Days

Offertory

Doxology

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer¹

*Closing Hymn

UMH #536

Precious Name

Benediction¹ (Leader part, **Congregation part**)

Go to be signs of hope for all the world to see:

rainbows in the clouds,

Waters in the desert,

love in a world of hate.

Go to be signs of hope for all the world to know.

Amen.

*Hymn of Sending Forth

UMH# 665

Go Now in Peace

Postlude

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Announcements

- Lenten Bible Study
 - Tuesdays, 7pm (Feb. 20, 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26)
 - Read one chapter of the Gospel of John
 - Study Guide found at [Facebook.com/etownumc](https://www.facebook.com/etownumc)
- EWOWS (yarn group)
 - Saturday, February 24th, 10am-noon
- Margaret Waller Celebration
 - Sunday, March 17th, right after worship
- 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

- None