

Welcome to Elizabethtown United Methodist Church



Sunday, March 3, 2024

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Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

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

Listen to the stars.

They tell God's glory!

They have no words.

Yet in their beauty, God speaks.

Listen to creation.

It sings God's song of peace.

Opening Prayer¹

***Opening Hymn**

UMH #297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Prayer of Yearning (Unison)

God of love and truth, we long to walk in your paths. We yearn to follow you in the ways that lead to life and wholeness.

Yet it is hard to know if we are taking the right paths on our journey of faith.

We worry that we will wander off, even when we don't mean to.

May your love set us right, forgive our mistakes, and show us where we should go. Amen

Words of Assurance

A Time of Thanksgiving and Prayer

Joys & Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation

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I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Message

Foolish or Wise?

Offertory

Doxology

UMH #95

Offertory Prayer¹

*Closing Hymn

UMH 504

The Old Rugged Cross

Benediction¹ (Leader part, Congregation part)

God's foolishness is wiser than we will ever know, and
**God's weakness is stronger than anything we can
imagine.**

Go forth with joyful hearts in the foolishness and the
weakness of God.

Go to be a blessing to God's creation.

*Hymn of Sending Forth

UMH# 665

Go Now in Peace

Postlude

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Announcements

- Lenten Bible Study
 - Tuesdays, 7pm (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, March 9th, 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

- March 3 - Denny
- March 8 - Margaret
- March 20 - Trevor

Upcoming Anniversaries

- March 18 - Trevor & Anna