### EDGERTON United Methodist Church Sunday, January 22, 2017 10:30 AM Worship The Season of Epiphany

### THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

We have watched and waited through Advent, we have celebrated Christmas and the joy of our Savior's birth and now we are being asked to follow, to recognize the revelation of Christ in our midst and journey into the new life he offers us.

### **WELCOME**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

Steven D. Zych

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

P: Why should we be afraid?

L: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

P: What have we to fear?

L: Let us shout with joy to God!

P: Let us sing and make music before our God.

### **OPENING PRAYER**

O God, our light and our salvation, shelter us in your love. O God, our stronghold, protect us from danger. We come with shouts of joy to worship you this day. We come with song and music to celebrate your love. We come with longing to seek your presence. Be with us now, O God, as we sing your praises. Amen.

SONGS "I Can't Tarry" SB #44
"In That Great-Gettin' Up Morning" SB #81

### **CONFESSION**

God of light, we live in the darkness of despair: worried about our lives, concerned for our health, fearful that we are lost from you. The yoke of our burdens lies heavy upon us: our unwillingness to forgive, our fears of one another, our reluctance to share what we have, our divisions and quarrels. We long to turn from the dark and live in the light. We yearn to leave what is evil and follow the paths of righteousness. Shine the light of your love upon us and transform us with your love, that your promised realm may draw near. Amen.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE (PSALM 27)**

The light of God's love shines into the dark places of our world, healing its brokenness, and bringing hope to places of despair.

The light of God's love makes us a forgiven people. Thanks be to God!

### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST (MATTHEW 4)

The light of Christ shines brightly in the darkened places of our lives, bringing healing and hope. The light of Christ shines brightly in the faces of our neighbors. Look for that light as we share Christ's peace.

### **RESPONSIVE READING PSALM 27** (See Insert)

**SONG** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs1-3)" SB #50

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mathew 4: 12-23

**SONG** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus (vs 4)" SB #50

**SERMON** "Follow Me" Pastor Barb Wells

SONG "Just a Closer Walk" SB #90
"This World is Not My Home" SB #162

### **OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

Calypso Doxology

### **BENEDICTION**

L: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

P: We will follow Jesus.

L: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

P: We will leave the past to follow Jesus.

L: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

P: We will walk in the present to follow Jesus.

L: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

P: We will follow Jesus.

L: Go! Follow Jesus!

**POSTLUDE** Jesus, Name Above All Names, Naida Hearn

Let people know what you did today – this morning - in this place!

## Coffee Fellowship

Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall immediately after 9:00 AM Worship and before the 10:30 AM Worship. Fellowship Hall is located below the Sanctuary: go down the front steps – pass the elevator – make a left – Fellowship Hall is on your left – under the sanctuary.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM CLOSED MONDAY FRIDAY – By Appointment

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### In Ministry – The People of Edgerton UMC Assistants to the Congregation

Pastor: Barbara Wells
Lay Leader: Mark Gausman
Organist (9:00): Nancy Dickinson
Music (10:30): Steven Zych – Guitar
Ed Hunt – Bass, Banjo, Guitar
Nancy Dickinson - Keyboard
Administrative Assistant: Daphne Marquardt
Coffee Hour Chair: Jo Peterson
Sanctuary Care: Margaret Tadder and Linda Young
Kids Club (Wednesday Nights) – Michelle Davis
Kids Church (9:00 AM) – Barb Gausman

Jesus didn't say to follow a preacher, a program, or a curriculum. He said:
"Follow Me."

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### Our Mission:

"To Make Christ Known!"

Our church is to be a place where love is present,
hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared
and supported by prayer.

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to ALL people - regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, culture, tradition, family configuration, economic status, sexual orientation or gender identity.