

**EDGERTON United Methodist Church**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2017 9:00 AM Worship**

**THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION** - *Epiphany is the season of the Light coming into the world. Psalm 27 calls the Lord "my light"; and Jesus fulfills the promise of Isaiah as he begins his ministry. The light of God calls people to rejoice and to follow Jesus into a ministry of teaching, preaching, and healing. The light of God calls us to remember our essential unity and our need for one another. By the light of love, we find that the foolishness of the world is the power of God.*

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** "Draw Me Close", Kelly Carpenter  
*Nancy Dickinson, Organist*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: To those who sit in darkness, light has dawned.

**P: To those who dwell in gloom and despair,  
God's glorious presence has appeared.**

L: God is indeed our light and our salvation.

**P: We will follow, unafraid,  
where God and Jesus lead us.**

L: Let us worship our God of light and promise.

**P: Let us celebrate the hope and joy of our salvation.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

God of light and love, we come this morning with eyes stinging from the brightness of your glory. We have become so accustomed to the darkness, that your radiant light sometimes overwhelms us. Open our eyes to the light of your dawn, that our souls may be flooded with love and mercy and joy. Open our hearts to receive your message of comfort and peace and security, that we may find rest in your loving, protective presence. Open our spirits to follow the path you put before us, that we may lead lives committed to your Way. Amen.

**HYMN** "Open My Eyes That I May See" UMH # 454

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** (See Insert)

**THE CONFESSION**

God of our light and our salvation, sometimes we prefer to live in darkness, embracing the safety and anonymity of the shadows; sometimes we delight in our divisions, believing we are better than others; sometimes the yoke of our calling feels too heavy, and we seek to slip out from under the bar across our shoulders. Forgive our fear. Forgive our aversion to the light. Forgive our unresponsiveness to your call. Forgive our willful blindness and deafness to the Way. Help us know deep in our souls that you are our light and our salvation, our joy and our wonder, our very life. Hear us as we cry aloud in our need. Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Our God of light and love hears us when we cry aloud. We have nothing to fear. Know that this God of light wraps us in comforting arms, lifts us from the darkness of our guilt and sin, and forgives us once and for all. Know that we will dwell in safety in God's house, now and forevermore. Amen

**HYMN** "Come to the Lakeshore (vs 1 & 2)" UMH # 344

**SCRIPTURE LESSONS** Matthew 4:12-23 UMH # 344

**SERMON** "Come Follow" Pastor Barb Wells

**OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

*Special Music* "You Are Mine," David Haas  
*Doxology*

**HYMN** "Will You Come and Follow Me" TFWS #2130

**BENEDICTION**

L: Please pray with me:

**P: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;  
May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;  
May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls.**

L: May the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

*For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God.*

*1 Corinthians 1:18*

# *Coffee Fellowship*

*Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall immediately after 9:00 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 is the Light of the World**



## **Edgerton United Methodist Church**

*A Reconciling Congregation*

**112 Albion Street**

**Edgerton, Wisconsin 53534**

### ***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.