#### EDGERTON United Methodist Church Sunday, January 29, 2017 10:30 AM Worship The Season of Epiphany

#### THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

**WELCOME** 

SPECIAL MUSIC Steven D. Zych

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: When we seek justice for the other, when we love kindness more than ever,

P: we live as God asks us to live.

L: When we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,

P: we are the blessing God hopes we will be.

L: When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus, when we choose weakness rather than power,

ALL: we reflect the One who is in our midst.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

O God, let your will be done in me. Even though I may seem a fool to others, let me be a fool for Christ's sake. Amen

SONGS "Rollin' Through An Unfriendly World" SB #139
"Gospel Plow" SB #57

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

#### **CONFESSION**

Far too often, O God, we desire to look wise in the eyes of the world. But we have not spoken truth with our hearts. We have said and done hurtful things to our friends. We have forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We have forgotten what true discipleship is. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created and called us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our true identity, even in the face of the world's scorn and derision. Amen

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has called us and blesses us when we live God's ways and not the world's. God's love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives and actions. Know that the God of blessing loves and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed.

#### PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

L; The God of blessing and love be with all of us.

P: We embrace God's blessing and love.

L: Turn now and pass that blessing on to one another so that our community may be bound together in love and blessing.

#### **SCRIPTURE - Responsive Reading**

Matthew 5:1-12 What Do the Beatitudes Mean to Me? (See Insert)

**SONG** "The Old Rugged Cross" (vs 1-2) SB #163

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

**SONG** "The Old Rugged Cross" (vs 3-4) SB#163

**SERMON** "Is the Cross Foolishness?" Pastor Barb Wells

#### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Calypso Doxology SB #3

SONG "Walkin' With My Savior Everyday" SB #168

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Calypso Doxology

#### **BENEDICTION**

As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned. As you have been received – give. As you have heard – proclaim. And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you. Amen.

**POSTLUDE** "Sent Out in Jesus' Name", traditional Cuban, arr. Carmen Pena

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

Dear Jesus...how foolish of me to have called for human help when You are here.

Corrie Ten Boom

**Quote**Addicts

# 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.