#### EDGERTON United Methodist Church Sunday, January 29, 2017 9:00 AM Worship

**THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION -** I've read the last page of the Bible. It's all going to turn out all right! Have you read it? Below are the last three lines: "The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

#### **WELCOME**

**PRELUDE** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee", setting John Carter *Nancy Dickinson, Organist* 

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come out of the shadows and into God's light!

P: We will not play hide and seek, but will make a pilgrimage to God's heart.

L: Lay down all which is a burden to you!

P: We will give our fears to God, who is our help in every moment.

L: Follow the One who will lead you to new life!

P: We long to live in God's presence every day of our lives.

#### **OPENING PRAYER**

O God, we gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word. Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit. May the seeds of Your Word scatter among us this morning fall on fertile soil. May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord. Amen.

**HYMN** "Ask Me What Great Things I Know" UMH # 163

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

#### **CALL TO RECONCILIATION**

If we want to truly live in God's presence, we must live as God's faithful people. Let us begin by confessing all the mistakes we have made, the wrongs we have done, the people we have hurt. Join me as we pray together, saying,

#### UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What have we done to you, dear God? We dishonor you every time we treat another with disrespect. We shatter your heart when we find it easier to break our word, then to take the risk to keep it. We fill your ears with the gossip, lies, and slander we speak about those around us. You are wise enough to forgive our foolishness; you are strong enough to overcome our weakness; you are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause to you and to others. And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: What has God done to us - shown mercy! What has God done for us - forgiven us! This is the good news for us.

P: We will not boast, for it is not our doing. We will give thanks to God for such grace and hope. Amen.

#### **SCRIPTURE – Responsive Reading**

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

**HYMN** "The Old Rugged Cross" (vs 1-2) UMH #504

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

**HYMN** "The Old Rugged Cross" (vs 3-4) UMH #504

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

#### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Special Music "Close to Thee", Silas J. Vale Doxology

**HYMN** "O. How He Loves You and Me" TFWS 2108

#### **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

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.

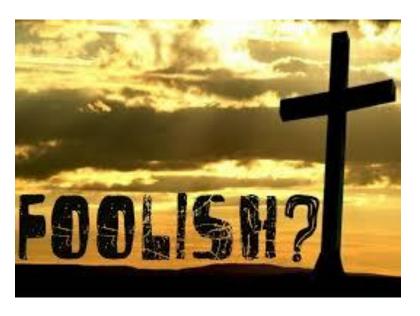
OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
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### In Ministry – The People of Edgerton UMC

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



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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.