

4TH SUNDAY IN LENT-ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

March 26, 2017

9:00am

(*) Please Stand as Able

Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. - Micah 6:8 (NIV)

PRELUDE

"Lamb of God", Twila Paris

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Pew Pad and pass it on)

*CALL TO WORSHIP –

Leader: We give praise to our God who knew us before we had breath

People: We delight in the Lord who guides us still

Leader: God, help us to live as you would have us live

People: Give us obedient hearts

Leader: As we gather today to worship, we know injustice rains down on your people.

People: Disturb us, God, so that we may act justly

Leader: As we celebrate this day, we know so many who suffer needlessly

People: Use us, God, as your hands of mercy

Leader: As we move through our day, following our own agendas

People: Remind us, God, to walk humbly with you

*HYMN "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" UMH No 128

*PRAYER

God, we know things are not right in the world. Children sleep with hunger pangs, families struggle to stay together in times of war and strife, droughts leave once lush fields cracked and dry. We know these things to be true, but they seem so far and remote. They seem beyond our reach. They seem too big for us to solve. So we do not seek justice for the widow or the orphan. We do not respond mercifully. As we gather to worship you this day, we realize that we cannot walk humbly without you. We cannot act justly or seek mercy without your grace. Help us, Lord, to move with mercy and speak with a voice that seeks justice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

HEBREW SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE/CHILDREN'S TIME/THE LORD'S PRAYER

LETTER FROM PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS Chapter 5:8-14

HYMN "I Want to Walk as the Child of the Light" UMH No 206

THE MESSAGE

RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE - LITANY

Leader: When child is forced to fight in a war that is not his

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: When a family goes hungry because their crops failed

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: When mother buries her daughter because the medicines were too expensive

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: When kindness and mercy have shriveled to dust

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: When we forget God is with us through all our joys and trials

People: Let us act justly, love mercy and walk humbly

Leader: Let us remember what God requires of us

People: To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with our God

Let Us Pray:

Teach us, O God. Teach us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly in this life. More importantly teach us to see more clearly when we are falling short of those goals and plant in us a desire to humbly bend the arc of history toward your love and justice. We give thanks for the knowledge that even though we do not always manage to walk in the teachings of Jesus you love us, you encourage us, and you forgive us. Amen.

OFFERTORY

"If It Had Not Been for the Lord"

Margaret Douroux

*DOXOLOGY "Old 100th" NO 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Merciful God, we present these gifts as our act of worship. May our offering bring help and hope to hurting people. Use and multiply these gifts to bring justice where injustice reigns, to pour out mercy on those who need it most, and to be a tangible sign of your love for the world. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

*HYMN "We are Called" TFWS No 2172

*SENDING FORTH Go forth knowing what God requires. Go into the world seeking opportunities to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

*POSTLUDE *"Shine, Jesus, Shine,"* Graham Kendrick

Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee and friendship following this worship service in Fellowship hall – downstairs below the Sanctuary.

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 – go down the steps - 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

The Fourth Sunday in Lent



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.