Edgerton UMC: To Make Christ Known to All Persons EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 16, 2017 *Please stand as able 9:00 AM Worship

BOLD Print – Say in Unison
God's new project not to snatch

"Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project not to snatch people away from earth to heaven but to colonize earth with the life of heaven. That, after all, is what the Lord's Prayer is about." N.T. Wright,

WELCOME (Please sign the Pew Pads and pass to neighbor)

GREET ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE Easter Song, Anne Herring

Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard

THE FIRST EASTER REMEMBERED Mark 16:1-8

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: For those who first went out into the early dawn, when the sky was grey, taking spices to the tomb,

All: there was terror, and surprise.

One: For us, resisting the impulse to sleep in as part of a long weekend, and being over-familiar with the Easter story,

All: there is the risk of complacency.

One: So let us open ourselves to the astounding possibility that life can break out

All: at any moment!

One: Let us challenge the thought that we have planned the future so efficiently that

All: there will be no surprises!

One: Let us face the fact that the walls of this church, and the life of our institution

All: cannot entirely contain Jesus Christ!

One: Let us celebrate the irrepressible power of God All: breaking out with life where we least expect it!

HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" UMH NO 302

OPENING PRAYER

When everything was dark and it seemed that the sun would never shine again, your love broke through with resurrection light. Gracious God, we praise you for the light of new life made possible through Jesus. We praise you for the light of new life that shone

on the first witnesses of resurrection. We praise you for the light of new life that continues to shine in our hearts today. We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy, will live in us each day; and that we will be bearers of that light into the lives of others. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

MESSAGE

What We Believe!

Pastor Barb Wells

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (See Insert)

HYMN

Joy to the World UMH NO 246

OFFERINGSpecial Music *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*, Carribean Folk Song

Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" UMH NO 94

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: We lift our gifts to you, O God, that you may use them to bring new life to a world trapped in death and despair. May these gifts become signs of the resurrection in a world hungry for love and for your touch. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

ALL Are Welcome

HYMN

He Lives

UMH NO 310

BENEDICTION

One: When others dismiss your story as an idle tale, who will you be?

All: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

One: When the world seems to be crumbling around you, remember who you are:

All: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

One: When despair would seem to squelch all hope, believe in who you have become:

All: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

One: When it is hard to persevere against all odds, trust in God who names you:

All: Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

One: As we follow Christ into the world, may God help us remember who we are . . . resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

POSTLUDE *Rejoice! The Lord Is King*, John Darwall

Christ the Lord Has Risen Today and that has made ALL the difference! Celebrate!

Our Mission is:

"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.

CHILD CARE

Children's Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3rd Grade attend the beginning of Service than leave with Barb Gausman. Younger and older Children are encouraged to sit in Worship with their family. There are cloth bags in the back of the sanctuary with crayons and activities and also a basket of small toys for your child to use if they remain in the Sanctuary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Kid's Club, Christian Education for Children, Kindergarten through 6th Grade, takes place on Wednesday Nights from 6-7 during the school year in Classroom 203. A Pre-school class is also available in the Nursery across the Hall from the Kid's Club Room.

COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

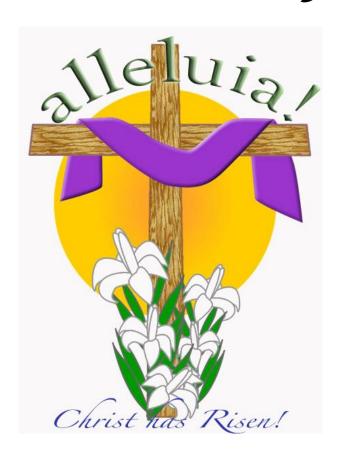
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