## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### May 1, 2016 (\*) Please Stand as Able

#### 9:00 am Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

WELCOME -Please sign the Pew Pad & pass it to the next person

# PRELUDE JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE,

Traditional American, arr. John Carter Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard

**READING FROM** Revelation 21:1-10, 22–22:5

# \*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We come together this day, drawn by the light of God's love!

# P: In God's eternal kingdom, darkness and despair are vanquished.

L: In God's eternal realm, peace and hope reign!

**P: Let all the people praise God with their music and their voices!** L: Let all the people praise God with their deeds of loving-kindness! **P: Praise be to God. AMEN!** 

### **\*OPENING PRAYER**

How magnificent the sight must be! The vision of John proclaims a crystal river flowing from God's throne, comforting light, peace and hope for all God's people. Darkness is vanquished. Open our eyes and our hearts to catch a glimpse of this vision. Help us to place our trust in you, that we may faithfully serve you, knowing what awaits our eyes in glory. AMEN.

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN/ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN "SOON AND VERY SOON" UMH 706

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

Lord, you know how easy it is for us to sit here, tethered to our darkness and fear. We get bound up by chains of mistrust. We dare not to hope, for so many times before we have been disappointed. So we sit here and wonder where you are. We are not unlike the disciples who wondered also, who feared. Lord, come to us in our darkness. Flood us with your powerful light of love and mercy. Help open our eyes to the good news of your eternal glory. Give to us visions of the place in which love and hope will reign. Forgive our stubborn resistance to your mercy and your love. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

# WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Let the light of God's eternal love flood into your hearts this day. Feel the healing presence of God in your lives. Accept God's love and hope for you. This is the gift freely given for you by Jesus Christ, God's risen Son our Lord. AMEN.

# HYMN "I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT" UMH 206

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN	John 14:23-29	
MESSAGE	PEACE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT	
HYMN	SPIRIT SONG	UMH 347
OFFERTORY		

Special Music LORD GOD, ALMIGHTY, Cori Huisman \*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" UMH 95 PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to bring the peace of Christ. We are grateful that you continually teach us through your Spirit. Help our hearts to be so filled with your peace that our congregation will show forth your goodness to the world around us. Let your loving presence be known through our church's ministries. Accept these offerings as a sign of our trust in you, for we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNIO	Ν	UMH #9
HYMN	SHINE JESUS SHINE	<b>TFWS 2173</b>
*SENDING FORTH		
POSTLUDE J	ESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NA Naida Hearn	MES,
Please rema	in seated until the Postlude h	nas ended.

# Our Mission is: **"To Make Christ Known"**

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to all people. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

# WE WELCOME YOU!

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here! Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder) located at the end of the pew along the center aisle. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

# **CHILD CARE**

Children's Church is celebrated at the 9:00 AM Service. Children from pre-school through 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade attend the beginning of Service than leave with Barb Gausman after the Prayers of the People and Time with the Children. 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### HOW TO REACH US

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# Sixth Sunday of Easter



9:00 AM Worship Service May 1, 2016 Edgerton United Methodist Church 112 Albion Street Edgerton, WI 53534