## ASCENSION SUNDAY/ MOTHER'S DAY

May 8, 2016

(\*) Please Stand as Able

Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

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

MOTHER'S DAY The Invisible Woman

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "The Hurricane River" Steven Zych

**READING FROM** Luke 24:44-53

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Clap your hands! Let your spirits rejoice!

P: God has done wondrous things for us!

L: Praise God to the highest heavens!

P: Christ has blessed our lives with his presence and his teachings!

L: We have joyous work to do for our God.

P: God is with us in all that we say and do!

L: We can do this work with confidence!

P: Christ is with us in all that we say and do!

L: We don't have to be afraid to proclaim the good news!

P: The Holy Spirit is with us in all that we say and do!

L: Sing, rejoice! God loves us!

P: Let all the people shout "AMEN!"

All: "AMEN!"

#### **OPENING PRAYER:**

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. AMEN.

SONGS "Great Day" SB #60

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" SB #120

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Lord, we are impatient! We want everything right now, instantly! We don't want to wait for anything. We rush our holidays, our celebrations, our very lives and then wonder why our spirits are exhausted and depressed. Slow us down, Lord. Help us to enjoy the process of waiting for the wondrous things you offer us. Let us feel

the power and beauty of praising you and singing your praises place us on paths of peace and hope. Forgive our arrogance and
impatience. Help us to overcome those traits which pull us away
from you and from appreciating all that you have done for us. As
we listen to the scriptures this day in which the disciples witnessed
Jesus' ascension to you, let our hearts be at peace knowing that you
have taught us what we need to know to serve God joyfully in this
world. Inspire us and give us delight for what is to come. AMEN

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

God loves and forgives us. We are no longer numbered with the wicked, but rather are placed with those whom God has blessed. We are called to be messengers of God's good news to all people. Be a blessing to all whom you meet, in God's name. AMEN.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**SONG** "This World Is Not My Home" SB #162

THE STORY OF THE EARLY CHURCH Acts 1: 1-11

**MESSAGE** Ascended Bodily into Heaven – Really!

SONG "Gospel Train" SB #58

**OFFERTORY** 

\*CALYPSO DOXOLOGY

SB #3

#### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

L: Gifted with the grace of God, and clothed with power from on high, we offer ourselves and all we have, to the building of God's kingdom.

P: Bless these gifts, O Lord of all, that we might worship you with great joy and serve your people with great love. In Christ's name, Amen.

SONG "Bring It On" SB #31

#### SENDING FORTH

The power and love of Jesus Christ is with you. You are sent forth to be his witnesses in the world, bringing the good news, healing, establishing ministries of justice and peace. Go in confidence and the power and love of God goes with you. AMEN.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Please remain seated until the Postlude has 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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# Seventh Sunday of Eastertide Ascension Sunday Mother's Day



10:30 AM Worship Service May 8, 2016 Edgerton United Methodist Church 112 Albion Street Edgerton, WI 53534