

**Sunday, May 21, 2017**

**9:00 am Worship**

(\*Please Stand as Able

**Bold Print All Say in Unison**

**Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter,**

Adam Hamilton – WHY! Making Sense of God’s Will

*Is it possible to reconcile belief in a loving and powerful God  
with the suffering in our world?*

**GREETING**

**Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad**

**PRELUDE**

*As the Deer*, Martin Nystrom

Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and we will tell what God has done for us.

**P: God is the Sovereign of heaven and earth, maker of this world and all within it. God has given to all mortals life and breath and every blessing.**

L: Bless our God, O peoples! Let the sound of God’s praise be heard.

**P: Blessed be God! Blessed be God! Blessed be God!**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Source of all creation, maker of the world and everything in it, you are never far from each one of us. We come into your house seeking you, O giver of life and breath. Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us; and abide in us. We live because of you. We hope because of you. In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live, and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us, amen.**

**\*HYMN**

*Breathe On Me*, Breath of God

UMH #420

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER**

**FIRST READING** Psalm 73 (Selected Verses)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION - Maker and giver of all, forgive us when we are too preoccupied to notice your presence in our lives: when we walk through this world and fail to see the wonder of you upholding our lives and all creation; when we walk through our**

**lives and fail to see you abiding with, within, and around us; when we walk through holy moments and fail to savor your presence, instead feeling abandoned in the vast sweep of life as each day rushes at us with its demands. Open our eyes to your presence, God of love, that we may lean on you— for you uphold all of creation in tenderness and power. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

When Jesus left the disciples, he gave us a promise: “I will not leave you orphaned!” For we, his disciples, live in him and he in us—the presence of God within and around all. What a promise! Take courage! Take comfort! “...the present suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory that is going to be revealed to us.” Blessed be God!

**HYMN**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

UMH #399

**READING FROM ROMANS 8:28-29**

**MESSAGE**

*“Why Do the Innocent Suffer”*

Adam Hamilton

**RESPONSE TO THE MESSAGE**

Dear God, there is so much pain and suffering and heartache in this world. We know we live in a fallen, imperfect world, and yet we struggle to make sense of it all. When pain and suffering touch our lives, we find ourselves asking why. Sometimes we grasp for answers or explanations that only wind up causing more pain and confusion. Other times we get angry and question your love for us. Help us to sort through our questions, reexamine our assumptions, and cling to the unshakable truths that you love us and are with us always. Teach us not to interpret your love according to our circumstances, but to interpret our circumstances according to your love, remembering that you promise to bring good from it all. Amen

**THE OFFERING**

**Special Music**

*Thy Holy Wings, O Savior*, Swedish folk tune

**\*Doxology**

**UMH No 95**

**HYMN**

“Spirit of the Living God”

UMH #393

**SENDING**

**POSTLUDE**

*How Firm a Foundation*, American Hymn tune, arr. Charity Book Putnam

# *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.*

## **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.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

CLOSED MONDAY

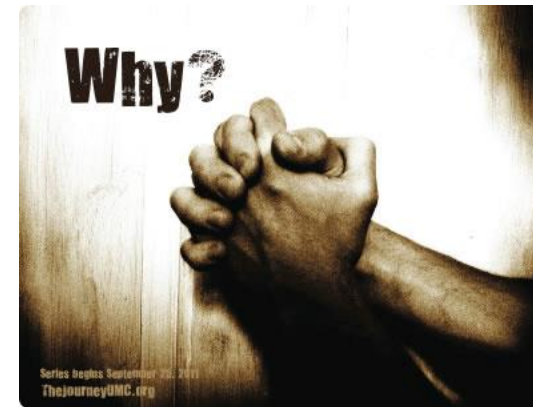
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## **SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** ***Why! Making Sense of God's Will*** ***Why Do the Innocent Suffer?***



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