

**Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known  
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**July 31, 2016**

**10:30 am**

(\*) Please Stand as Able

**Bold Print - Please Say In Unison**

**GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*We begin with announcements of the ministry and mission of the church. Please sign and pass the black Welcome Pad located at the ends of the pews along the centermost aisle.*

**OFFERINGS OF PRAISE**

*We come to God's presence joyfully and humbly, preparing ourselves to receive God's word.*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

Steven Zych, Guitar

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Please stand in body or spirit and join me in the Call to Worship.

You call us, Lord, to share your story,

**P: to follow where you lead, to live as you live, to love as you love to preach the good news of God's Kingdom of justice and joy, of peace and hope.**

L: If we are to share your story, Lord, then we have to invite you to share ours, to be part of all we do and say.

**P: We can't share your story if we're not prepared to let you into our story.**

L: Come into our lives, into our stories, and worship, Lord, broaden our minds, strengthen our convictions,

**All: lead us the way you want us to go, so we, too, may be disciples in the world. Amen**

**OPENING PRAYER**

We're standing in God's doorway, our hands an inch from knocking. We're responding to an invitation: "Come on up to God's house!" On the other side of this door, we've been promised security, peace, and rest. But we hesitate. Can it really be true? God, we've come here to give you our whole selves. We trust you, yet we are afraid. Let the troubles we face fade into the background in this moment. Clear our minds so we can focus on you. Teach us your ways. Show us your paths.

**SONGS**

"It is No Secret"

SB #85

"Lonesome Valley"

SB #97

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*Confession is a spiritual discipline that leads us into a deeper relationship with the Holy. As we approach God in community in Confession, we open our hearts to the hearing of God's word.*

**Call to Reconciliation**

L: We continue to believe that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray,

**P: It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, (at least, for those who need it - not us). Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

L: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Ask and it will be given to you. God has promised us grace and forgiveness in the love of Jesus Christ. Come home again and be the people God intended.

**P: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**SONG**

"Sacred Wood"

SB #140

**OFFERINGS OF WORSHIP**

*With confession and the acceptance of forgiveness we are better attuned to hear God's word.*

**READINGS FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE**

Genesis 16:1-16

Exodus 16:1-12

**MESSAGE**

*God Helps Those Who Help Themselves*

*Next Sunday's Sermon: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle*

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

\*Calypso Doxology

SB #3

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

L: God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

Let's pray together:

**P; God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world, Amen.**

## SONG

“One More River to Cross ”

SB #131

## SENDING FORTH

## POSTLUDE

*How Firm A Foundation,*  
American Hymn Tune, arr. Charity Book Putnam  
(Please remain seated until the Postlude has ended.)

## 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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To make an appointment with Pastor Barb,  
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## SCHOOL SUPPLY TIME AGAIN

Join us in collecting school supplies for students in our local schools through Edgerton Community Outreach.

A Sign-up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall for purchasing supplies for an individual student, or you can purchase any school supplies and place them in the basket. ECO will see that they are given to students or classrooms in need.

*Welcome to  
Edgerton United Methodist  
Church  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
July 31st, 2016*

God helps those who  
cannot help  
themselves.

Charles Spurgeon

QuoteAddicts

*A Sermon Series on  
HALF TRUTHS -  
GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP  
THEMSELVES AND OTHER THINGS THE  
BIBLE DOESN'T SAY*