

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

Sept 4, 2016

9:00 am

(* Please Stand as Able

Bold Print - Please Say In Unison

Jesus Christ is God's "Selfie" – Tony Evans

For Christ is not only God-like, He is God in human flesh.
(Colossians 2:9)

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.

PRELUDE

*Children's Medley, arr. Mark Hayes
Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard*

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: We praise you!

**All: Not because we are worthy
But because you are worthy.**

L: We praise you!

**All: Not just with our voices today
But with our living every day.**

L: We praise you!

**All: Not because it please us
But because it pleases you**

OPENING PRAYER

Light of God, illumine the path that leads us to healing, hope and salvation. Glory of God, fill this place and expose any darkness that stalks our souls. Light of God, shine with such brightness that we marvel in awe. Glory of God, fill each one present today with the Holy Spirit. Light of God, we welcome you to this place and ask that you would remain with us. Amen

HYMN "Open My Eyes That I May See" UMH 454

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:

L: We have not believed you or trusted in your powers.

All: Lord, help our unbelief.

L: We have stained our souls by our action and inaction.

All: Cleanse us, Lord.

L: We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others.

All: Heal us, Lord.

L: We ignore your call to center our lives in you, and so are deaf to the hopes and cries of the poor, the sick, the needy, and the earth.

All: Ground us Lord!

Silent Time of Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

L: When we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven.
Glory to God!**

OFFERINGS OF WORSHIP

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

READING FROM Matthew 5:17-40, 22:37-40

MESSAGE *God Says It, I Believe It, That Settles It*

HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling UMH 384

OFFERINGS OF THANKSGIVING

Having received the Word, we affirm our trust.

THE OFFERING

Special Music "Come and Find the Quiet Center", B. F. White

***Doxology** "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" UMH 94

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.

THE LORD'S TABLE (COMMUNION) See Insert

Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ. Reconciliation with Christ compels reconciliation with one another. All are to be welcomed to the Table, and none shall be excluded, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

*SENDING FORTH

L: You have seen the Savior. Go now in peace. And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One in Three and Three in One.

All: Blessing and honor and glory are yours now and forever.

Amen

*SENDING FORTH

"We Are The Church"

UMH 557

POSTLUDE "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing"

Backer, Davis, Cook and Greenway

(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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A Sermon Series on "ALL MEANS ALL"

God said it.

~~I believe~~ interpreted it

as best I could in light of all the filters imposed by my upbringing and culture, which I try to control for but you can never do a perfect job

doesn't exactly

That [^] settle it

but it does give me enough of a platform to base my values and decisions on.

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