

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

September 11, 2016

9:00 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.

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing,

WYETH'S, arr. John Carter, Nancy Dickinson - Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Lord, we gather here in this place of refuge,

P: for we are lost, we are lonely, we are afraid.

L: Lord, we gather daring to wonder if God has indeed come in
Jesus,

**P: discerning the rejection we have known, intimate with our
failed relationships, holding our heartache in hands of
tenderness.**

L: Lord, we gather with neighbors and strangers, a family made one
by our brokenness,

**P: coming with our hearts full of hope, and our pockets filled
with doubts.**

L: Lord, we gather just as we are,

**P: for God has promised to meet us here and to welcome us for
who we are.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

**Lord, we know that some bear crosses hollowed out by hunger,
some carry crosses called injustice. Sometimes our abundance is
a cross which we struggle to bear because we refuse to view
others as they are or by what they need. We are either
judgmental, or we ignore them completely, saying they are not
our problem. But as we learn to follow you, as we seek to be as
generous as you, we discover that we can gift others with hope,
with grace, and with peace. Lead us Lord so that we may see all
as your children and our brothers and sisters. This we pray in
the name of Jesus. Amen.**

HYMN

“Come and Find the Quiet Center”

TFWS 2128

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN/ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A READING FROM PSALM 35:17-28

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.

L: My Friends, which of us has not hurt someone this week? Which of us has not spoken (or thought) ill of a sister or brother in Christ? Which of us has failed to do good when given the chance? Which of us? All of us and each of us! But Christ came to save people just like us, so I invite you to join me as we offer our prayers to God, saying,
P: Although we believe we are experts at faithfulness, Holy God, we must confess we are unskilled workers at doing good for others. Too often, we turn a deaf ear to the cries of people we have judged to be fools. We easily scoff at those we believe have nothing to teach us or share with us.

How foolish, Searching God, how foolish we are! Forgive us, and restore us to your goodness. Then, send us forth to search for all who sit in the shadowed corners of our world, yearning for someone to come and find them, even as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, came to find us.

Assurance of Pardon

L; Our actions sometimes show we do not know God. Our words and lives show we do not understand God's hopes for us. But with utmost patience, God sets aside our foolishness, and fills us with mercy.

P: Mingled with faith and love, grace is poured into our sin-parched souls, giving us new life, restoring us as God's children. Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERINGS OF WORSHIP

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

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF Luke 15:1-10

MESSAGE

*What Does It Mean to Be Reconciling and
Why Should It Matter?*

HYMN "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" TFWS 2171

OFFERINGS OF THANKSGIVING

Having received the Word, we affirm our trust.

THE OFFERING

Special Music *If It Had Not Been for the Lord*, Margaret Douroux

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

May we welcome your gifts with thanksgiving, Loving God. May we share you gifts with grace, so others might be touched by your love, healed by your touch, fed and nourished by your compassionate as well as the fruit of your creation. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

HYMN "We Are the Church" UMH 558

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE *Grace Alone*, Scott Wesley Brown and Jeff Nelson

(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.

HOW TO REACH US

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*Welcome to
Edgerton United Methodist
Church*

**ALL TRUTH PASSES
THROUGH THREE STAGES;**

FIRST it is ridiculed.

SECOND it is violently
opposed.

THIRD it is accepted as
being self-evident

Arthur Schopenhauer (1788-1860)

The Idealist

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