

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known
Sunday, September 25, 2016 **9:00am Worship**
(* Please Stand as Able **Bold Print All Say In Unison**

"The word 'hospitality' in the New Testament comes from two Greek words. The first word means 'love' and the second word means 'strangers.' It's a word that means love of strangers." – Nancy Leigh DeMoss

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 *On Eagles Wings*, Michael Joncas: Nancy Dickinson, Organist

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

P: but Christ who chose us,

L: That we are not here because of our goodness

P: but because of Christ's grace,

L: That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

P: but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

L: That we have not come to be entertained

P: but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

PRAYER God our Savior, you can go where no one else can venture, and open up doors which we might not even notice. Please open up our secretive lives to the fullness of your grace. Open the shutters within our minds, that your light may flood in. Open up the doors of our hearts, that your love may occupy us. Open up the windows of our spirits, that your Spirit may sweep away stagnation and fill us with your joy. Let us be more truly yours today than we were yesterday, and when tomorrow comes, make us thirst again for more of your presence in our lives. Amen

HYMN *Cry of My Heart* TFWS 2165

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN/ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE GENESIS 19:1-29

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most wise and loving God, you are the one sure Source of grace, mercy and peace. Thank you for not allowing us to get by with shallow penitence. Thank you for requiring us to look deeply in ourselves and offer deep repentance. There is much in the things we do and say, to give us regret. There is even more in the good things we fail to do, to make us want to say "sorry." Yet we confess we are inclined to say "sorry" too glibly, and we treat mercy and forgiveness as a formality. In our better moments we know that such shallow religion will not do. Today we come seeking something deeper and more radical. (Pause)

You, saving God, know how things stand for each of us here this day. You know of our lame good intentions, our blundering escapades, our broken promises and our petty ways. You see both the large picture of evil and the smallest detail pertaining to each individual. (Pause)

Please God, by your relentless Spirit drag us from shallow regret into sincere distaste of all that is less than loving. Implant in us both the desire and the will to thoroughly repent, and to wholeheartedly accept your forgiving and reforming grace. We abandon ourselves to whatever discipline and painful therapy may be needed if we are to mend our ways. (Pause)

Most wonderful God, may your saving love never cease to amaze us, your forgiveness never fail to touch the shameful corners of our heart and mind, and your empowerment always be our hope and our joy. Through Christ Jesus our Savior.

FORGIVENESS

L: While we were yet sinners, Christ Jesus died for us. Remember at what cost our salvation comes, and show our gratitude by the way we treat one another. The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

P: And also with you.

HYMN *Take Time to Be Holy* UMH 395

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 10:25-37

MESSAGE "It's About Loving Those Around You"

OFFERINGS OF THANKSGIVING

Having received the Word, we affirm our trust

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Special Music *Thy Holy Wings, O Savior, Swedish Folk Tune*

***DOXOLOGY** "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" UMH # 94

HYMN *The Gift of Love* UMH 408

BENEDICTION

Loving and merciful One, we thank you for the community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters with whom we walk this pilgrim journey. Form in us a new vision of community in which there is neither East nor West, neither South nor North, nor those unwelcomed. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Holy Manna, William Moore, setting John Carter*

Please remain seated until the Postlude is completed.

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*Welcome to
Edgerton United Methodist Church
9:00 AM Worship Service
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**"We think
sometimes that
poverty is only being
hungry, naked and
homeless. The
poverty of being
unwanted, unloved
and uncared for is
the greatest poverty.
We must start in
our own homes to
remedy this kind of
poverty"**

MOTHER TERESA
KUSHANDWIZDOM

*"All Means All"
September 25, 2016*