

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known
Sunday, September 18, 2016 10:00am Worship
(* Please Stand as Able Bold Print All Say In Unison
Fall Family Potluck Picnic

"...love...it ought to be at the center of all and everything we do in our own family, in our church callings, and our livelihood. Love is the healing balm that repairs rifts in personal and family relationships. It is the bond that unites families, communities and nations. love is the power that initiates friendship, tolerance, civility, and respect. It is the source that overcomes divisiveness and hate. Love is the fire that warms our lives with unparalleled joy and divine hope. Love should be our walk and our talk."
Author: Dieter F. Uchtdorf

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 *Above All, Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBlanc*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

P: Lord, we pray that the fruit of Your Spirit may grow in us.

L: Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

P: Lord, walk ahead of us and help us to follow you. Lord, walk beside us and hold us up in difficult times. Lord, walk behind us and protect us. Lord, help us to rejoice with our sisters and brothers in their joys, and welcome them as you do. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

HYMN "Where He Leads Me" Songs of Zion # 42 / UMH #338

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN/ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE GENESIS 17

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

We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit, but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh. We know the whole law is summed up in the single commandment to love our neighbor as ourselves. Yet we create fences around ourselves to keep neighbors outside and tell ourselves we have no responsibility. Even in our own back yard we "bite and devour" one another. We wish it were different. When Jesus calls us to follow him, we find every excuse to instead go home or to the workplace to finish something more important first. Yet we yearn to be more centered on You.

Silent confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Despite our resistance, we can be assured that God's strong arms redeems God's people. God calls us back to God's realm, and encourages us with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back, no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray. We need but ask and we are forgiven. Amen.

HYMN "Standin' In the Need of Prayer" Songs of Zion #110

OFFERINGS OF WORSHIP

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

**READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL
TO THE GALATIANS**

MESSAGE "Conflict in the Church is Not New"

OFFERINGS OF THANKSGIVING

Having received the Word, we affirm our trust

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
Calypso Doxology **SB #3**

HYMN "There is a Balm" Songs of Zion #123

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. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Cry of My Heart

Terry Butler

Please remain seated until the Postlude is completed.

TODAY IS THE DAY!

**Join us for POTLUCK &
Friendly Fellowship.**

**All are invited so don't worry
if you didn't bring anything to share.**

**There is always enough food
At a Methodist Potluck!**

**We will eat in Fellowship Hall located directly
below the Sanctuary.**

Come On Down!

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*Welcome to
Edgerton United Methodist Church
10:00 AM Worship Service
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



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