

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known
Sunday, October 23, 2016 **9:00am Worship**
(* Please Stand as Able **Bold Print All 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 "Ain't That Good News" Traditional Spiritual Setting
John Carter, Composer - Nancy Dickinson, Organist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Jesus the Good Shepherd calls our names to come and follow him.

P: His voice, speaking our names, draws us to him.

L: We follow without fear, for the shepherd cares for us.

P: Our hearts rejoice and we can place our trust in the Good Shepherd.

L: Come, let us enter the gate with thanksgiving!

P: Let us go forth confidently with songs of praise! AMEN.

***PRAYER**

We are standing at the gate, O Loving Shepherd, not sure about the journey. But you have called our names, and in your voice we hear such love and surety. Bring us safely on the journey and strengthen us that we may serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

HYMN "Savior, Like a Shepherd Leads Us" UMH #381

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

BAPTISM OF *Evan Michael Langer*

HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" UMH #334

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Lord, help us approach the gate of this sheepfold with confidence. Let us walk through from our fears and doubts to lands of hope and

peace, trusting in the Shepherd who seeks us, guides us, and cares for us. In so many of our ways, we are stubborn; yet you gently call our names, reminding us of your eternal love. As we have placed the names of those near and dear to us before you seeking your healing grace, help us remember that we also stand in need of your healing mercies. Help us place our trust in you. Help us reach out to others in confidence because of your love for us. For we ask this in Christ's name. AMEN.

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

Patient and loving God, we stand at the gate and peer through. We keep creating our own ways, believing that we know what is in our own best interest, and we ignore the voice of the one Shepherd who will guide us to peace and hope. We wander aimlessly and then wonder why we get so lost. Help us stop and listen to the Shepherd's voice. Let us place our trust in the Shepherd who has never failed us, who loves and guides our lives. Forgive us our stubbornness and stupidity. For we ask this in Christ's Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though we have wandered and have become lost, the shepherd calls to us. We can place our trust in his loving care. For we are the sheep of his pasture, blessed and given hope. 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 JOHN 10:1-10
ROMANS 8:31-39

MESSAGE *Since God is For Us...Oh the Places We'll Go*

HYMN "Since Jesus Came into My Heart TFWS #2140

OFFERINGS OF THANKSGIVING

Having received the Word, we affirm our trust in God

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Child of Blessing", Child of Promise, C. F. Witt

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

Unison Prayer Of Dedication:

May our giving serve to change our hearts, O Spirit.

May our gifts serve to change your world. Amen.

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, where ALL are invited in. We pray for the sake of your Kingdom that both is and is not yet. Amen.

POSTLUDE "Hallelujah, What a Savior", Phillip P. Bliss,
arr. Charity Book Putnam

Please remain seated until the Postlude is completed.

"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 - **regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, culture, tradition, family configuration, sexual orientation or gender identity.** 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
9:00 AM Worship Service
Twenty -Third Sunday after
Pentecost

**Oh the places you'll go,
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So ...get on your way!**

--Dr. Seuss

**Think Greater –
Live Enthusiastically
October 23, 2016**