

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known
Sunday, October 23, 2016 **10:30am 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC Steven D. Zych, Composer/Guitarist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Hey, you sheep. Yes, you over there. Can't you hear the shepherd calling—calling you to come and join with the others? There's life and love and care and direction here just waiting for you to hear and see. So come on in through the gate. He's been waiting for you.

P: God is our shepherd! God leads us all the way! God's goodness and mercy goes with us all the time! We've got a home with God forever!

***PRAYER**

Shepherding God, bring us into your fold. Lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Help us see the way we should go, the way we should live. Help us hear your voice calling our name. Enliven this time of worship, that we may find true life as we join with others: praising your name, celebrating your great goodness, and sharing your love for all people. AMEN.

SONGS "I Know It Was the Blood" SB #77
"Wings of A Dove" SB #164

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

Shepherding God, be with us in our need. Like sheep who have gone astray—we have not heeded your voice, calling us to follow the right paths, beckoning us to lie down and be restored; we have acted as if our salvation lies in busyness and control. We do not want to be sheep—dependent on a shepherd for everything. We want to do it alone—to maintain our independence. Forgive us for rejecting your shepherding care and your love and guidance. Forgive us for our need to do it by ourselves, to be separate from the flock. Forgive us for doubting your presence in times of trouble. Lead us back to the path of life. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said, I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly. In so confessing, we have returned to the shepherd, the guardian of our souls who welcomes us with open arms and a glad heart. Know that the shepherd of our lives never abandons us, is always calling our name, and unfailingly loves and forgives us. Amen

SONG "I am Yours" SB #61

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*

OFFERINGS OF THANKSGIVING

Having received the Word, we affirm our trust in God

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

CALYPSO DOXOLOGY

SB# 3

SONG

“Fix Me Jesus, Fix Me”

SB #22

BENEDICTION

L: With a song of praise on our lips,

P: we go forth with God.

L: With the love of God in our hearts,

P: we go forth with God.

L: With a commitment to usher in God’s kingdom,

P: we go forth with God.

L: With all that we are and all we can be,

P: we go forth with God.

POSTLUDE

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
10:30 AM Worship Service
Twenty -Third Sunday after
Pentecost

Unless someone like you
cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better.
It's not.
-Dr. Seuss

Think Greater –
Live Enthusiastically
October 23, 2016