

**Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known**

**Sunday, December 20, 2015**

**9:00am Worship**

**(\*Please Stand as Able**

**Bold Print All Say In Unison**

**GREETING**

**Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad**

**PRELUDE**

“Lo, How A Rose E’er Blooming”,  
Geislische Kirchmgsang, setting John Carter  
Nancy Dickinson Organ/Keyboard

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: All through this season of Advent, we have encountered Hope, Peace and Joy.

**P: Today Belief and Love are the theme.**

L: Today we will hear the story of surprising commitment.

**P: We will learn of Mary and God's wonderful love.**

L: Today we will be challenged to believe in all that God can do.

**P: Open our hearts, Lord, that we may be ready for your love.**

**AMEN.**

**\*PRAYER**

**Lord, be with us this morning as we encounter Mary and hear of the wondrous news that she received. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN** “Angels from the Realms of Glory” **UMH #220**

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN - Lighting the Advent Candle**

One: Today we light three candles- the first Candle is called HOPE and it is a reminder that God's promises are true.

*Children Repeat: The second Candle is called PEACE,*

**All: The second Candle represents God's gentle loving peace for our lives.**

*Children Repeat: The third Candle is called JOY.*

**All: The third Candle is called JOY, because of God's absolute presence in our lives.**

*Children Repeat: The fourth Candle is called LOVE*

**All: The fourth Candle is called LOVE, because of God's great love for us.**

*Children Repeat: Come, all is ready.*

**All: Let the light of these candles, called HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE, bring brightness to your spirits.**

*[The first, second, third and fourth Advent Candles are lighted]*

**\*HYMN** “Come O Come Emmanuel” (Vs. 1-4) **UMH #211**

**READING FROM PAUL’S LETTER TO THE HEBREWS 10:5-10**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Lord, we are so excited. We want to jump ahead to the exciting and wondrous worship service that we will hold in a few days. We are impatient to hear the whole story. Slow us down again, Lord. As we hear Mary say "Yes!" to God's good news, help us to remember that God continually calls us, to be those who will bear the good news to those in need. Forgive us when we forget to do that. Heal our wounds and bind up our spirits. Enable us to go into your world offering our lives, our gifts, our talents, for your glory. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

God's love and faithfulness have been at work in you. You are healed and forgiven. Rejoice in God's love and blossom. AMEN.

**\*HYMN**

**\*GOSPEL READING** **LUKE 1:39-55**

**MESSAGE**

**Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells**

**OFFERING**

Special Music “View the Present Through the Promise”, Trad. Welsh

Doxology “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” **UMH#95**

**\*HYMN** “O Come All Ye Faithful” (Vs. 1-3) **UMH #234**

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** “Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine”

Trad. German, arr. Eugene Butler

*Please remain seated until the POSTLUDE is completed*

*Thank you for worshipping with us.*

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for a coffee, goodies and friendship– located downstairs below the Sanctuary.*

*Fourth Sunday in Advent...*  
*A Time of LOVE*

**WE WELCOME YOU!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. We are glad you are here!  
Please complete the information in our Friendship Book (black folder)  
located at the end of the pew along the center aisle.

**COFFEE HOUR IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Please join us in Fellowship Hall following the 9:00 am worship service  
and prior to the 10:30 am worship service, for coffee and snacks. This is a  
great time to greet visitors and connect with your church family.

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