

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known

Sunday, December 6, 2015

9:00am Worship

(*Please Stand as Able

Bold Print All Say In Unison

GATHERING MEDITATION ON TODAY'S WORSHIP

In the Gospel Reading we are told that John went out and proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" In Philippians, Paul professes a great love for the people of Philippi and states that he constantly prays for them. To ready ourselves for the coming of Christ the King and celebrating the anniversary of his birth, we as United Methodist faithfully participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. Today we are going to consider how we participate in the ministry of prayer and presence

GREETING

Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad

PRELUDE

**'Twas In the Moon of Wintertime
Huron Carol, setting John Carter
Nancy Dickinson Organ/Keyboard**

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Welcome today to this time of preparation.

P: Although we have been preparing for celebrations, we come seeking to prepare our hearts to receive God's Good News.

L: Get ready! The Lord is bringing to us Hope and Peace.

P: How wonderful it is that the Lord is showering us with Peace.

L: Open your hearts and let your spirits be quieted. Be at peace with the Lord.

P: Lord, prepare our lives and bring us peace. AMEN.

***PRAYER**

We have prepared our homes, and our gifts, Lord, but we need help in preparing our spirits to receive your message of Peace. Free us from the stresses and strains of this time, and place your peace which passes all our understanding in our hearts. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***HYMN "Let There Be Peace on Earth"**

UMH # 431

READING FROM PAUL'S LETTER TO THE PHILLIPIANS 1:3-11

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN - Lighting the Advent Candle

One: Today we light two 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.

One: We seek God's peace in this time of stress.

Children Repeat: Come, all is ready.

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

[The Second Advent Candle is lighted]

***HYMN "Come O Come Emmanuel" Vs. 1, 2, 5**

UMH #211

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, hear us this day as we open our hearts and our spirits to you. These times in which we live are often confusing and fearful. We are pushed to make preparations for a season which is supposed to bring hope and peace; yet we crowd it with obligations and stresses and shut the door to your healing love and compassion. We find ourselves being on edge, fretful; wondering if we have done enough, can do enough. You answer our fears with your voice, "Peace, be with you." Help us to hear you. Slow us down. Encourage us to take some time to listen rather than shout, to stop and rest rather than run. Cause us to look around at situations and people who are in need and to place our focus on helping them. For it is in helping your people and reaching out in love that we will find true peace. These things we pray, in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Jesus said, "I bring you peace, not the kind of peace the world would give to you. My peace I give to you, now and forever." Be at peace. Know God's love is given for you. AMEN.

***HYMN**

"Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

UMH # 334

***GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 3:1-6

MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells

OFFERING

Special Music "Come, O Redeemer, Come" Fernando Ortega
Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH#95

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH #13

*HYMN "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

UMH #664

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

Swedish Folk Tune, arr. Lee Dengler

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.*

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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**Come celebrate December Birthdays and Anniversaries
with us during the Fellowship Hour!!**

Second Sunday in Advent... A Time of Peace



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