

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known

Sunday, November 8, 2015

9:00am Worship

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Bold Print All Say In Unison

GATHERING MEDITATION ON TODAY'S WORSHIP

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,

An opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference

Between the master builder and the worker.

We are the workers, not the master builder; Ministers, not messiahs.

We are prophets of a future not our own. *Oscar Romero*

"What can I do with my (God-given) talent to further the work God wants me to do as a Christian? What can I do with my Talent to help spread the Good News? What can I do with my Talent to reach out to those in need? Today I will pray over these questions and listen for God's response."

GREETING

Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings, Michael Joncas

Nancy Dickinson

***CALL TO WORSHIP (1 Corinthians 12)**

There are many gifts, talents, and abilities given by God.

But there is only one Spirit.

There are a variety of things we can do to serve the Lord.

But it is the same Lord we all serve.

There are many activities we can do to serve God:

teach, sing, clean, preach, play, work...

But all these are activated by God.

There are many manifestations of God's Spirit in the world.

It is impossible to list them all.

To say that one is better than another is foolish. God gives to each as God chooses.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***PRAYER**

Spirit of the living God, we praise and adore you for empowering us to claim membership of the body of Christ, a gift received through your grace. Remind us that we are all members of the one body and if one member suffers, we all suffer. May we, as the body of Christ in this place, be the best evidence of your love by declaring and witnessing to this as the year of the Lord's favor for all people. We give thanks that all of us are Christ's body, and rejoice in each one being a part of it. Accept our adoration and praise for these great gifts, we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen

***HYMN**

"Gather Us In"

TFWS #2236

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Nelson Mandela)

Lord, our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not darkness that frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous? We know that our playing small doesn't serve your world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure. Remind us, O Lord, how we were born to manifest the glory of God within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. Help us to let our own light shine, in order to give other people permission to do the same.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Who are you not to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous, if God has made you so? Be liberated from your own fear, so you may serve the Lord, and so that your presence may liberate others to manifest their talents. Amen

***HYMN**

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

***GOSPEL READING**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

MESSAGE

"STEWARDSHIP OF Talents"

Jim Wells

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

LITANY OF TALENTS (see enclosure)

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (see enclosure)

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Lone Wild Bird, Walker's Southern Harmony

Nancy Dickinson

OFFERING

Special Music

Hallelujah! What a Savior, Phillip Bliss/Nancy Dickinson

Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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***HYMN**

"Let Us Be Bread"

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BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Siyahamba, South African

Thank you for worshipping with us.

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

