

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known

Sunday, July 3, 2016

10:30AM Worship

*** Please Stand as Able**

Bold Print All Say In Unison

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

“Without God, there is no virtue, because there's no prompting of the conscience. Without God, we're mired in the material, that flat world that tells us only what the senses perceive. Without God, there is a coarsening of the society. And without God, democracy will not and cannot long endure. If we ever forget that we're One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under.” Ronald Reagan

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Let us take a moment to greet one another. Then please sign our black welcome pads.

Special Music: *God Bless America* Steven Zych

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: We came from all places and all peoples to gather here today.
We found a land blessed. Here, a dream was born.

P: A dream of freedom from all oppression; A dream of hope for our children; a dream of people in community under God.

L: We have turned to nations and people who gave us birth.

P: Send us the voiceless; Send us the fearful; Send us the oppressed.

L: And so the dream continues

P: And so the dream of America continues...

God, help us to do your work until your dreams come true.

OPENING PRAYER:

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12
Lord, on this day as we remember our nation's Independence we pause to honor you. We thank you for the blessings of liberty. We know that our country and its many freedoms have come from your hand. Our land is in need of you, our people are in need of you. Lead us as a nation in the way we should go and grant us the opportunity to lead others into the freedom that can be found in knowing you. Today our hearts and souls are free to praise you and that we are thankful. **Amen**

SONG: *Precious Name* SB #135

READING: **Galatians 5:13-26**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

Dear Lord, I am a sinner and I need your forgiveness. I believe that you died on the cross to pay for my sin. You did what I could not do for myself, and in humility I accept your gift of grace. Help me to live a life that is pleasing to you. Amen.

Please take a moment for reflection and contemplation.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

How comforting it is dear Lord to know that if we seek you, we will find you. You are with us, Father, every step that we take. Let us reach out to you let us praise you for revealing your word, your way, and your love. Amen.

SONG: *Gospel Plow* SB #57

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

SONG: *This Little Light of Mine* SB #124

GOSPEL READING **John 8:31-36**

Message *Freedom*

SONG: *Kum Ba Yah* SB #78

GIVING OF THE TITHES AND GIFTS:

** Calypso Doxology* SB #3

BENEDICTION:

L: Almighty God, you rule all the people of the earth, Inspire the minds of all women and men to who you have committed the responsibility of government and leadership in the nations of the world. Given to them the vision of truth and justice, that by their counsel all nations and peoples may work together. Give to the people of our country zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. Forgive shortcomings as a nation; purify our hearts to see the love and truth. We pray these things through Jesus Christ. **P: Amen**

SONG: *Rest In Me* SB #137

BLESSING

POSTLUDE: *Ask What Great Things I Know* Herdon
Arr Anne Krentz Organ

Please remain seated until the Musicians complete the Song.

**Welcome to
Edgerton United Methodist Church**

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