

**Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

July 24, 2016

9:00 am

(*) Please Stand as Able

Bold Print - Please 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.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

God has set before us life and death.

We long to choose life.

God has set before us blessings and curses.

We long to choose blessings.

So we gather this morning around the table—Christ's table.

We gather to drink the cup of blessing; to eat the bread of life.

Let us share the meal together. Let us feast on the Word.

Let us worship God with joy!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Come, Holy One: teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us on our journey. Speak to us your words of life, for you offer us direction and wholeness when we hear your voice and follow.

You bless us with your love, shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith. We seek you, O God, with all our hearts. Be near us this day. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN/ PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

HYMN "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" UMH 127

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:

Loving God, you call us into community, teach us your ways, and bless us with abundant life. Yet we turn aside to follow other paths: we take the easy way out, listening to the world's call

rather than your call to commitment; we quarrel with one another, letting differences divide us; we cherish our resentments, shutting off our hearts from forgiveness and reconciliation; we cling to petty jealousies, feeling we deserve more than we have. Forgive us when we wander from your love. Draw us into community with each other, and feed us with the milk of your grace, that we may grow in faithfulness and work together in peace. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is at work, nurturing our growth and showing us the ways that lead to life. God is at work, reconciling us to one another and teaching us the paths of love. God is at work, hearing our confessions, forgiving our disobedience, and blessing us in love. Thanks be to God!

HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

OFFERINGS OF WORSHIP

With confession and the acceptance of forgiveness we are better attuned to hear God's word.

A READING FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE DUET. 30:11-21

MESSAGE Everything Happens for a Reason

HYMN "Be Still My Soul" UMH 534

OFFERINGS OF THANKSGIVING

Having received the Word, we affirm our trust

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

God has given us growth, guided our steps on the ways that lead to life, and provided companions for our journey. Our very lives are a gift from God. With gratitude and praise, we turn to God with obedient hearts to offer back our gifts, that others may find life and wholeness.

Special Music

***Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" UMH 95**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you have shown us your ways and led us in the paths of abundance. You have blessed us and kept us safe. In you we see that we are loved. We offer you our lives, for we have chosen to follow you. We offer you our praise, for your love is

great. Use our gifts, our money, and our hearts to establish your realm of love upon the earth. Amen.

THE LORD'S TABLE (COMMUNION)

UMH #9

Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ. Reconciliation with Christ compels reconciliation with one another. All are to be welcomed to the Table, and none shall be excluded, remembering that access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. In preparing to receive Christ in this Sacrament, the believer is to confess sin and brokenness, to seek reconciliation with God and neighbor, and to trust in Jesus Christ for cleansing and renewal. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may come to the Table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

HYMN "God Will Take Care of You"

UMH 130

***SENDING FORTH**

POSTLUDE

Please remain seated until the Postlude has ended.

Our Mission is:

"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. Our Church is a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

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. Our Worship Services are 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday and 6:00 PM Wednesday Night in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a potluck supper at 5:30 PM.

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.

Edgerton United Methodist Church
9:00 AM Sunday Worship
July 24, 2016



**EVERYTHING HAPPENS
FOR A REASON.
BUT SOMETIMES THE
REASON IS THAT
YOU'RE STUPID AND
YOU MAKE BAD DECISIONS.**

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