

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known

Sunday, September 27, 2015

9:00am Worship

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Bold Print All Say In Unison

GATHERING MEDITATION ON TODAY'S WORSHIP

Turning the other cheek; loving our enemy; forgiving those who sin against us; showing no partiality; being honest; living with integrity and faithfulness; bearing our cross—these are not options for the followers of Christ. Nor are they unattainable ideals. They are the order of the day—the minimum daily requirement, the standard by which we live and breathe and relate to people both inside and outside the faith.

GREETING

Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World,
TERRA BEATA, Setting John Carter

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

All: How shall we live in God's love? What should we do? How should we serve God by working with others? All these questions arise when we are called. What gifts can we bring, what peace, what hope?

One: There are those who are ill - they are suffering and hurting

Many: Bring to them the healing love of Jesus, praying for them and asking for God's loving mercy.

One: There are those who have strayed from faith and feel lost and alone.

Many: Bring to them your loving, guiding presence - praying with them and listening to their hearts.

One: There are those who are cheerful and joyful in all that they do.

Many: Bring to them a spirit of celebration and joy that they may continue in their happiness and peace.

One: There are those who are quiet and withdrawn.

Many: Bring to them a presence of peace and pray with them.

All: In all your ways, bring God's abiding and transforming love to God's people, offering compassion, hope, peace and joy.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal God, you create us and you rescue us. Be here with us now. Help us know how much we need you. Teach us that no other power can support us like your power. As you share your power with us, teach us to be Christ to the world, proclaiming your reign for all people. As you lavish your love upon us, help us receive that love and offer it to the world, in Jesus' name. Amen.

***HYMN** God of Grace and God of Glory UMH #577

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

BOOK OF PSALMS Psalm 124 UMH P. 846

NEW TESTAMENT READING: James 5:13-20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creating and rescuing God, your power amazes us. Yet even in our amazement, we take too long to turn to you, forgetting that you are the power that makes and saves and sustains us. Even when we claim your power, we often do so for our own success and comfort, ignoring your command to use your power on behalf of the weak, the small, and the vulnerable. In Jesus Christ, you show us that you are on the side of all people, but never at the expense of the weakest among us. Forgive us when we try to hoard you for ourselves and try to control who has access to your love. Redeem us and transform us, O God. Open our hearts, our lives, and our ministries, that we may become a doorway to your realm.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God turns our sorrow into gladness and our times of mourning into celebration. God hears the prayer of faith. Be confident as we pray for one another, for God heals us and forgives us. Amen.

HYMN Great is Thy Faithfulness UMH #140

***READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF** Mark 9:38-50

MESSAGE "Lord, Make Me a Stepping Stone" Rev. Dr. Barbara Wells

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Special Music *Come Away With Me*, Mary Nelson Keithan

* Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH #94

***HYMN** The Servant Song TFWS #2222

BENEDICTION

Go in peace and know that God walks with you on this journey. Bring the good news of Christ's healing love to all whom you meet. AMEN.

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit,
Traditional Spiritual, setting John Carter

Thank you for worshipping with us. We invite you to join us for coffee and friendship following this worship service in Fellowship hall – 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.

HOW TO REACH US

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Counting other people's
sins
does **not** make you
a saint

“Teacher,” said John,
we saw someone driving out demons
in your name and
we told him to stop,
because he was not one of us.”



9:00 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
EDGERTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
112 ALBION STREET
EDGERTON, WISCONSIN
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