

**EDGERTON UMC: MAKING CHRIST KNOWN –  
Third Sunday in Advent**

**Sunday, Dec 17, 2017**

(\*Please Stand as Able

**10:30 am Worship**

**Bold Print All Say In Unison**

**GATHERING MEDITATION ON TODAY'S WORSHIP**

*Just as Mary was chosen to be Jesus' mother, Joseph was chosen to be his earthly father – he must have been the right man for the job!*

**GREETING** Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Steven D Zych

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Love has come down to us this Advent Season.

**P: Divine love which heals and transforms our lives.**

L: With great joy, we receive that love and share it with others.

**P: We open our hearts to all God's children, the last, the least, and the lost, as well as those who feel privileged.**

L: The Lord has done and continues to do great things for us.

**P: Praise be to God who loves us so much and who challenges us to be people of joy in this darkened world. AMEN**

**PRAYER**

Lord God, as we gather this day, we open our hearts to you, seeking your healing and transforming love. Our world cries for justice for all people, yet the leaders seem intent on bantering with one another, unmindful of the peace-bringers and those who would heal and teach the ways of peace. Be with all of us. Prepare us for this bright light of love which you are sending to us, for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (See Insert)**

**HYMN** "Star Child" TFWS #2095

**HEBREW BIBLE READING** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

**HYMN** "His Eye is on the Sparrow" SB #70

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Patient and forgiving God, you know how we want to be people of peace and justice, but when opportunities come to participate in groups working for justice, we turn our backs and walk the other way, or we give a token pledge and then ignore further pleas for assistance. We hide our names from appearing on roles of supporters of justice-seeking organizations. Forgive us, O God, when we give only lip service to ministries of justice rather than pledging our lives to helping all people in need. Free us from our selfishness. Banish our fears and move us in ways of peace and justice, bringing your love and hope to all God's children. We ask these things in God's name. AMEN.

**SONG** "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" SB #98

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Rejoice! You who once lived in darkness – on you a new light is shining, and the light of God's glory shall brighten your path. You are healed, loved and forgiven. Be at peace! Live in God's love, and bring hope and justice to all God's people. AMEN.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**MESSAGE** *Joseph: Whose Is He?* Pastor Barb Wells  
Narrative *Joseph's Story* The Other Pastor – Jim Wells

**HYMN** "O Come Little Children" SB #119

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

\*Calypso Doxology SB #3

**HYMN** "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" SB #62

**BENEDICTION** SB #5

**POSTLUDE** "All Night Long", Spiritual, arr. David Huntsinger

*Please join us for Friendship in Fellowship Hall  
located directly below the Sanctuary.*

# Coffee Fellowship

Please join us for a time of fellowship in Fellowship Hall immediately after 9:00 AM Worship. Fellowship Hall is located below the Sanctuary: go down the front steps – pass the elevator – make a left – go down the steps - Fellowship Hall is on your left – under the sanctuary.

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday  
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
CLOSED MONDAY  
FRIDAY – By Appointment

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## **Our Mission:**

“To Make Christ Known!”

Our church is to be a place where love is present, hurts are healed, joys and concerns are shared and supported by prayer.

Our Church serves our community and the world, by realizing and sharing the satisfying and abundant life Christ brings to ALL people - regardless of race, gender, ethnicity, national origin, culture, tradition, family configuration, economic status, sexual orientation or gender identity.

## ***In Ministry –***

The People of Edgerton UMC  
*Assistants to the Congregation*

Pastor: Barbara Wells  
Lay Leader: Mark Gausman  
Organist (9:00): Nancy Dickinson  
Music (10:30): Steven Zych – Guitar  
Ed Hunt – Bass, Banjo, Guitar  
Nancy Dickinson - Keyboard  
Administrative Assistant: Daphne Marquardt  
Coffee Hour Chair: Jo Peterson  
Sanctuary Care: Margaret Tadder and Linda Young  
Kids Club (Wednesday Nights) – Michelle Davis  
Kids Church (9:00 AM) – Barb Gausman



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**10:30 AM Worship Service**