

Edgerton UMC: Making Christ Known

7th Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, Feb 19, 2017

9:00 am Worship

(*) Please Stand as Able

Bold Print All Say In Unison

Wisdom from Fellow Pilgrims: For those who feel their lives are a grave disappointment to God, it requires enormous trust and reckless, raging confidence to accept that the love of Jesus Christ knows no shadow of alteration or change. When Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy burdened," He assumed we would grow weary, discouraged, and disheartened along the way. These words are a touching testimony to the genuine humanness of Jesus. He had no romantic notion of the cost of discipleship. He knew that following Him was as unsentimental as duty, as demanding as love.

-Brennan Manning

GREETING Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad

PRELUDE *Lamb of God*, Twila Paris
Nancy Dickinson, Organist/Keyboard

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Strength is commanding the wind and sea to obey,

P: Strength is wielding a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.

L: Strength is accepting vulnerability from inside the boat,

P: Strength is standing in solidarity with the powerless.

L: Strength is turning a cheek,

P: Strength is loving an enemy.

All: We come to worship a God who redefines our vision of strength.

***PRAYER** – Please pray with me...

Lord, one of the hardest thing you asked was that we love our enemies. We know how we'd like to love them: We'd love our enemies to be far away. We'd love them not to compromise our security. We'd love them not to scare us or change the way we live. We'd love them to be lovable. But then, if loving enemies were easy, we wouldn't need God's strong arms to bear us up in difficult times. Teach us to know how to love enemies, to wish them the best of the life you intend each human to have, And then teach us hope, so we know that with your blessing, impossible dreams become reality. Teach us, O Lord, your ways.

***HYMN** "Help Us Accept Each Other" UMH #560

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (See Insert)
/THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO RECONCILIATION AND PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

L: Because we belong to God, we can turn our gaze away from all that tempts us, and see the One who loves us always. Let us turn our hearts towards God, as we speak of our foolishness and failures. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

P: We may try to trick ourselves, but we cannot fool you, Wise God. We tell lies about others, and profane your name. We hold onto grudges as if they were the most precious of jewels. We steal another's identity when we ridicule who they are, and we boast about all we are without a nod toward you, who have blessed us. No matter how often we hurt you, God of grace, you show us your merciful nature. As you seek to teach us your ways, may we pay close attention. As you love us despite our foolish choices, may we be more compassionate toward others. As we seek to follow Jesus, may we be willing to go as far as he will take us, even into that place of hope and peace, which is the realm of your heart.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: This is the good news: we belong to Christ. He is the One who comes bringing life and hope to all.

P: Because we belong to Christ, we belong to God. The Holy One is also the Merciful One, who fills our hearts with love. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

HYMN "Freely Freely" UMH # 389

READING FROM 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

SERMON *Be Holy, Love Your Enemies*

GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

Special Music *Move Me*, Richard Alan Henderson

Doxology "New Traditional" UMH # 94

HYMN "Blest Be the Ties That Bind" UMH#557

POSTLUDE *Create in Me a Clean Heart*, Keith Green

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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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

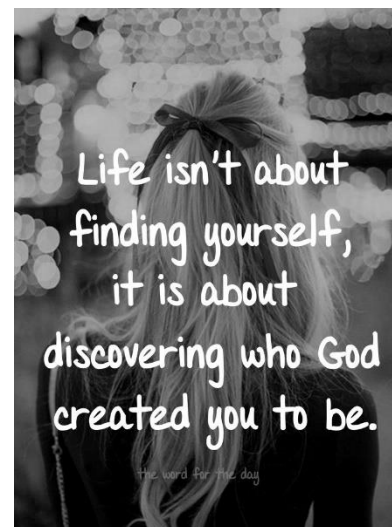
Coffee Hour Chair: Jo Peterson

Sanctuary Care: Margaret Tadder and Linda Young

Kids Club (Wednesday Nights) – Michelle Davis

Kids Church (9:00 AM) – Barb Gausman

The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany



Edgerton United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

112 Albion Street

Edgerton, Wisconsin 53534

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.