

EDGERTON UMC: MAKING CHRIST KNOWN –

New Year's Eve Covenant Watch Night Service

Sunday, Dec 31, 2017

9:00 am Worship

(*)Please Stand as Able

Bold Print All Say In Unison

GATHERING MEDITATION ON TODAY'S WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE Book of Revelation 21:1-6

PASTORAL PRAYER

GREETING

Please Sign and Pass Welcome Pad

PRELUDE

He is Born, Traditional French Carol
Setting, John Carter, Nancy Dickinson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: What a year this has been!

P: So many things have happened. Some of them have been wonderful; others very sad.

L: In all of this our Lord has been with us, guiding, healing, comforting, and rejoicing.

P: Thanks be to God for God's continual presence with us.

L: Now we are on the threshold to a new tomorrow.

P: We don't know what it will hold for us.

L: In all of what is to come, our Lord will be with us.

P: Guiding, healing, comforting, and rejoicing with us.

ALL: Thank you, Lord, for your steadfast love and presence.

***HYMN**

This is A Day of New Beginnings UMH #383

***PRAYER**

Lord of the opening way, we bring to you this day our past, with all that has happened in our lives, our hopes and our dreams, our successes and our failures, our gains and our losses. We bring to you our present, lives filled with exhaustion, wonder, fear, concern. We come to you with hearts open to receive your word for us, for the future. We want to be part of your new heaven and earth, to serve you by serving others. Speak to us, heal us, teach us, lead us, for we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***HYMN**

Glorify Your Name

TFWS# 2016

HEBREW BIBLE READING

PSALM 8

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Lord, you have asked us to feed and give drink to those who hunger, to clothe those who are naked, to welcome the stranger, to visit those who are sick and imprisoned.

P: When we look back on this year we might be able to say we did some of those things. We remember the enthusiasm with which we started out this waning year, ready to do your work and witness to your love. But you know how things got in our way.

L: We allowed ourselves to be swallowed up by worries and fear. We placed comfort of self before service to others. We took the "easy way out" whenever we could. And you wept for us.

P: Now we are on the brink of the new year. We cannot change what we did not do, but we can make a covenant with you to be your witnesses in our words, thoughts and deeds to your people

L: so that when you say, "Have you given food and drink to those who hunger and thirst, have you clothed the naked, welcomed the stranger, visited the sick and imprisoned?"

P: We can respond with a joyful "Yes! Lord, we have done these things with joy and love!"

All: Halleluiah!

P: Forgive us for what we have not done and inspire us to do what you would have us do.

L: In Jesus' Name, we pray.

All: AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God is making all things new. The past is over and done. It taught us many lessons. But God is the God of the future, new opportunities, new hopes, new dreams, renewed vision. God dwells with us to be our God. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 8:35-39

HYMN

Joy to the World

UMH #246

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Special Music:

Like A Child - Daniel Charles Damon

*Doxology

UMH #95

MESSAGE “My New Year’s Resolution Has Nothing to
Do with Walking, Running or Working Out!”

***HYMN** *Come Let Us Use the Grace Devine* UMH# 606

POSTLUDE *Mary Had a Baby*
Arr., Noel Rathsthorn

*Please join us for Coffee, Snacks and Friendship in
Fellowship Hall
located directly below the Sanctuary between services.*

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday thru Thursday
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
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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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