

Welcome to Worship at Edgewood United Church, UCC

If you are a visitor, welcome!

Here is some information to help you fully participate in worship:

- ◆ * indicates that those who are willing and able are invited to stand.
- ◆ Hymns are sung from the hymnals located under the seats in the pews.
- ◆ We strive to make worship accessible to all people. There is a Braille hymnal and large print bulletins available from the ushers. There are listening devices for those who have hearing loss, and if you have a T-coil hearing aid, you can connect directly to our sound system through the hearing loop system.
- ◆ If you would like to learn more about Edgewood, fill out the yellow card in your pew and turn it in during the “Gathering of Gifts and Tithes.”
- ◆ You are invited to wear a nametag, and probably received one already! To get a permanent nametag, take your sticky tag and put it on the red banner on the nametag table. Your new nametag will be waiting there for you next Sunday.

If you have children (or are a child), welcome!

Edgewood is a vibrant, safe community for all ages. Children and youth are welcome to remain in worship with their family or attend church school. There are activity bags available as you enter the sanctuary.

Church School and Child Care Summer Schedule:

- ◆ Church School for grades K-5 each Sunday after “Children’s Worship.” Classrooms are in the East Wing. You can accompany your child to class, if you like, and then return to worship.
- ◆ Childcare for infants through preschool is provided for the whole service, also in the East Wing. There is a paging system for parents to stay connected.
- ◆ “After Care” for young children is available every Sunday after worship until noon in the Elementary Room in the East Wing. Parents need to sign their children in and out.

**No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here.**

Edgewood United Church

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Please remember these members of our church family with cards this week.

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*Cards are available
in the social hall.*

Edgewood United Church Mission Covenant

Edgewood United Church, United Church of Christ, affirms that a loving and sustaining God is still speaking and creating. Following the life, spirit and teaching of Jesus, we welcome all as we commit to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God.

*PART IN PEACE

As-salaamu Lakum

We offer this blessing of peace in honor of our Muslim neighbors during the month of Ramadan.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations from Organ Concerto Op. 4
Elizabeth Clarke

Handel

MEDITATION

“The moment God is figured out with nice neat lines and definitions, we are no longer dealing with God.”
— Rob Bell, *Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith*

PRELUDE

Now My Tongue the Mystery Telling
Elizabeth Clarke

Flor Peters

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Liz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liz Mittman

Leader: Our church is a place where we can bring our big questions.
People: **What is the meaning of life? What happens after we die? IS EVERYTHING GOING TO BE OKAY?**
Leader: Sorry, friends. I wish I had a concrete answer for you! But at least we can explore the questions together.
People: **We are grateful for sacred places where we can ponder, muse, and puzzle our way through life, knowing we aren't alone in asking big, difficult questions.**
Leader: Thank you, God, for opening us up to the many answers you have to our many questions.
People: **Thank you for pointing us toward love and peace in all that we wonder and worry about. May we be open to your Spirit of hope revealing itself in our time of worship.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Let us reassure our neighbor that they, and all their questions and concerns about life, are welcome in this place by saying, “Peace be with you.”
People: **“And also with you.”**
You are invited to share words of welcome and peace with those around you.

*HYMN

Some Glad Morning (I'll Fly Away)

#595

MORNING PRAYER

Eternal God, you journey with us from morning through night. Through our worries and fears, our hopes and dreams, our questions and uncertainties, you walk beside us. Be with us now. Fill us with comfort at your everlasting presence. Renew our hope through the power of your Holy Spirit. Inspire us to live as fully as your son, the prince of peace, once did. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Exsultate, jubilate (first movement)* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (composed 1773)
Emily Bieber-Harris, soprano

*"Exsultate, jubilate,
o vos animae beatae,
dulcia cantica canendo,
cantui vestro respondendo,
psallant aethera cum me."*

"Rejoice, resound with joy,
o you blessed souls,
singing sweet songs,
in response to your singing
let the heavens sing forth with me."

**Emily and Elizabeth will be presenting the entire motet at this afternoon's concert.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Following Children's Time, children and youth are invited to attend Church School. If they would like to remain in worship, children and youth are always welcome to stay throughout the whole service.

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

SERMON

Heaven Help Us
Pastor Liz Miller

MOMENT FOR QUIET REFLECTION

*HYMN

Giver of Life, Where'er They Be

#603

SHARED PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER

THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the dominion and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Wash Me Thoroughly (from Chandos Anthem 3: *Have Mercy Upon Me*)
George Frideric Handel (composed 1717-18)
Nancy and Monty Bieber

"Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin."

*PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Halleluja

*Halle, halle, halleluja!
Halle, halle, halleluja!
Halle, halle, halleluja!
Halleluja, halleluja!*

#236

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Generous God, take our gifts this day and use them so that we may be part of your great work in this world. Through our giving, bring justice and love closer to all, not just in our community but in the world beyond these walls. Strengthen our church and the whole United Church of Christ so that we grow together each day into a powerful voice for healing and peace. Amen.