

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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A Just Peace ~ Open & Affirming ~ Environmental Covenant Church
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**Please remember these members of our
church family with cards this week.**

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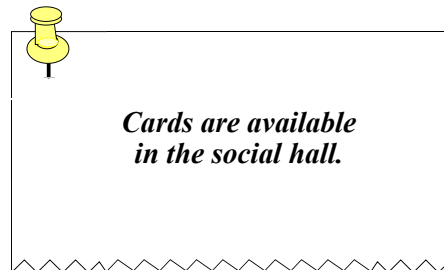
Ringling, Singing & Jammin’ Directors:
Marcia Beer and JoAnn Hubbard

Youth Music Director: Marcia Beer

Bell Choir Directors: JoAnn Hubbard & Kayla Cicola

Organists: Mary Ann Baumgartner & Elizabeth Clarke

Child Care Coordinator: Amanda Kennedy
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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.

What is the United Church of Christ?

The United Church of Christ came into being in 1957 with the union of two Protestant denominations: the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches. Each of these was, in turn, the result of a union of two earlier traditions.

The *Congregational Churches* were organized when the Pilgrims of Plymouth Plantation (1620) and the Puritans of the Massachusetts Bay Colony (1629) acknowledged their essential unity in the Cambridge Platform of 1648.

The *Reformed Church in the United States* traced its beginnings to congregations of German settlers in Pennsylvania founded from 1725 on. Later, its ranks were swelled by Reformed immigrants from Switzerland, Hungary and other countries.

The *Christian Churches* sprang up in the late 1700s and early 1800s in reaction to the theological and organizational rigidity of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist churches of the time.

The *Evangelical Synod of North America* traced its beginnings to an association of German Evangelical pastors in Missouri. This association, founded in 1841, reflected the 1817 union of Lutheran and Reformed churches in Germany.

Through the years, other groups such as American Indians, Afro-Christians, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Volga Germans, Armenians, and Hispanic Americans have joined with the four earlier groups. In recent years, Christians from other traditions, including the Roman Catholic Church, have found a home in the UCC, and so have gay, lesbian, and transgender Christians who have not been welcome in other churches. Thus the United Church of Christ celebrates and continues a broad variety of traditions in its common life.

http://www.ucc.org/about-us_what-is-the-united-church-of-christ

CORE VALUES

During August, Edgewood’s worship services invite us into reflection on the Core Values of the United Church of Christ: Extravagant Welcome, Continuing Testament, and Changing Lives. Rather than proscribing a set of beliefs or practices, these values are meant to guide and inform the world about how the “we” in the UCC are living out the call to be disciples of Christ.

MEDITATION

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here. We believe in extravagant welcome. This is why we insist that God’s communion table is open, not closed, and God’s gifts and claims in baptism are irrevocable. We advocate justice for all. Our congregations extend hospitality as a sign of God’s inclusive love. Our perspective is global, not provincial. We work alongside people of other faiths. Why? Because God is still speaking. —*Exploring UCC History, Polity, and Theology*

PRELUDE

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
Al & Beth Cafagna

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Liz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ada Kidd

Leader: Here in this place, there are no foreigners,
People: for all are welcome in God’s house.
Leader: Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,
People: for love is the language of faith.
Leader: Here in our lives, there are no divisions,
People: for God dwells in each of us.
All: Come, let us worship with unity and love.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: An extravagant welcome can be a warm smile, a hardy handshake, or a kind word such as, “Peace be with you.”
People: “And also with you.”

You are invited to share words of welcome and peace with those around you.

*OPENING HYMN

All Are Welcome



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and
3. Let us build a house where love is found in
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be -
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their



all can safe - ly live. A place where saints and
words are strong and true. Where all God's chil - dren
wa - ter, wine and wheat; A ban - quet hall on
yond the wood and stone, To heal and strength - en,
songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for -
dare to seek to dream God's reign a -
ho - ly ground, where peace and jus - tice
serve and teach, and live the Word they've
taught and claimed as words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of
new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re -
known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bears the
Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Head Usher
Susan Wyche

Sexton
Rick Bernsten

Liturgist
Dennis Keefe

Atrium Greeters
Kay & Ron Morgan

Left Hand Greeter
Jan Bernsten

Front Door Greeter
Cole Bouck

Guest Information Table
Sally Burroughs

Ushers
Jim Detjen, Dawn Mead & Beth Cafagna

Offering Collection
Sue Forney & Beth Cafagna

Sound System
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Coffee Time Set-Up
Ada & Dave Kidd

Coffee Time Clean-Up
Ann McCall & Roberta McCall

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher

Connie Detjen

Sexton

Marv Dunn

Liturgist

Ada Kidd

Atrium Greeter

Nancy Muhlbach

Left Hand Greeter

Kris Wisniewski

Front Door Greeter

Liz Mittman & Zabiba

Guest Information Table

Jan Frankmann

Ushers

Dawn Mead, Kay & Ron Morgan

Offering Collection

Ron Morgan & Peggy Dunn

Sound System

Connie Detjen

Coffee Time Set-Up & Clean-Up

Marv & Peggy Dunn

Sunday School Teachers

Trudy Bower & Stephen Thomas



faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall
sym - bol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the
vealed in time and space, As we share in Christ the
im - age of God's face, Let us bring an end to
faith and songs of grace. Let this house pro - claim from



end di - vi - sions:
faith of Je - sus;
feast that frees us;
fear and dan - ger:
floor to raft - er: } All are wel - come, all are wel - come,



all are wel - come in this place.

Text and Music by Marty Haugen
Tune: TWO OAKS

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UNISON PRAYER

Creating God, Architect of the Universe, may we build this house into a place of extravagant welcome. Not just the easy welcome of people we know and folks who talk like us, but a truly radical welcome for all people seeking sanctuary in a world of chaos, yearning for hope in a time of despair, and looking for your love when they've been told they aren't enough. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Smile* Charlie Chaplin

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP Marcia Beer

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 55:1-2
Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Hebrews 13:1-2
Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Luke 18:15-17
People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, ‘Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, thanks be to God.

SERMON *“Extravagant Welcome”*
Pastor Liz Miller

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN *Great God of Earth and Heaven* #579

SHARED PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER

DISCIPLES' PRAYER
Please feel free to pray this, or any other, version which is familiar to you:
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 *Dream* Johnny Mercer

*PRESENTING OUR GIFTS *Doxology* #780
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God of love, we give thanks and ask for blessings on all our gifts. May they be extravagant in your sight and welcome to all who receive them. Amen.

*HYMN *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* #77

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Guide My Feet* Hymn #497, vs. 1 & 4

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today
by Peggy Dunn in celebration of Marv’s birthday!*