

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 Schedule:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Edgewood’s youth program gathers regularly Sunday mornings in the youth room (down the East Wing Hallway).

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

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

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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.

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TABLE PRAYER AND 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.

REMEMBERING THE STORY

SHARING FROM THE LOAF AND CUP

All bread is gluten-free, and the cup is filled with grape juice.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creative, connecting God, you have sent your Spirit and made us the body of Christ; From child-like faith, to youthful energy, from middle-aged mindfulness, to elder's wisdom. We thank you for this time, this remembrance. Increase our faith boldly! Help us to love boldly! Encourage us to act boldly! In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

Peace I Leave with You, My Friends
(Please sing refrain 2 times—no verses.)

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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. C. Callahan

♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

Sine Nomine ~ Words by William W. How ~ Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams

For All the Saints was written as a processional hymn by the Anglican Bishop of Wakefield, William Walsham How. The hymn was first printed in *Hymns for Saints' Days, and Other Hymns* in 1864. The hymn was sung to the melody *Sarum*, by the Victorian composer Joseph Barnby, until the publication of the English Hymnal in 1906. This hymnal used a new setting by Ralph Vaughan Williams which he called *Sine Nomine* (literally, "without name") in reference to its use on the Feast of All Saints, 1 November (or the first Sunday in November, All Saints Sunday in the Lutheran Church). It has been described as "one of the finest hymn tunes of [the 20th] century." The original text of the hymn has 11 verses; Vaughan Williams's arrangement uses only four, and the text is verses 1, 2, 3 and 5 in the *New Century Hymnal* (#299), which we will be singing as a congregational hymn later in the service.

Charles Villiers Stanford's tune *Engleberg* was also written to be partnered with this hymn, although in the wake of *Sine nomine* it never gained popularity and is now more commonly used with other hymns, including *When in Our Music God is Glorified*.

MEDITATION

"When we honestly ask ourselves which persons in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares."

— Henri Nouwen, *Out of Solitude: Three Meditations on the Christian Life*

PRELUDE

Heavenly Light
Mary Ann Baumgartner

G. Holst

Pastor Liz Miller

Cole Bouck

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,
People: **God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.**
Leader: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,
People: **Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.**
Leader: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst,
People: **the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.**

*HYMN

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When we come to the edge of your holiness, Loving God, we know how we have not lived as your children. We keep for ourselves your rivers of love, while the lives around us turn into deserts of loneliness. All too quickly, we place our feet on the quicksand of fear, not wanting to step across to your faith. We tie up our angers and worries and burden our families and friends with them. Forgive us, Listener to our hearts. By your patient grace, give us more time to practice our calling to discipleship, so we might learn all we need to live as sisters, brothers, and siblings of Jesus Christ.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: This is the good news: God hears you, God forgives you, God is with you as you journey into that land called Promise.
People: **This is indeed great news! Accepting God's word of joy and grace, we will live as God's children in all the days to come. Amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Let us unite together with words of love saying, "Peace be with you."

People: **"And also with you."**

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

ANTHEM

Sine Nomine
Edgewood Adult Choir
(Music notes are on page 6.)

W. How/R. Williams

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

SCRIPTURE

John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

Unbound by Love
Pastor Liz Miller

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

As we honor the Edgewood saints who passed away last year, each name will be read aloud. A family member or friend will come forward and add their loved one's name to the Banner of the Saints. The banner will be displayed with these names in the Atrium for the next year, reminding us of the ongoing presence of our saints.

Sharon King
Michael Schacherbauer
Joy Slabaugh
Mary Tuttle

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

SHARED PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER

STEWARDSHIP

Monty Bieber

OFFERING INVITATION

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Yet Sing to God our Praise

H. Isaac

*PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Doxology

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**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

Thank you, O God, for the gifts of your people. Help us that we rely not on our own understanding in the use of these gifts, but seek your wisdom, knowing that as we do, your will be revealed and your people near and far will be blessed. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

HYMN

For All the Saints

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