

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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*Cards are available
in the social hall.*

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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.

*HYMN *Joys Are Flowing like a River (Blessed Quietness)* #284 verses 1-3

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE *How Firm a Foundation* arr. Carlotta Ferrari

Liturgy adapted from The United Church of Christ's *Worship Ways*

♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

Lo, A Voice from Heaven Sounding ~ Text by Henry Wilder Foote (based on Luke 3:22)
Music by Dimitri Bortniansky (1752-1825) ~ Arranged by Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

*Lo, a voice from heaven sounding,
Praising everlastingly,
As the voice of many waters,
God, the Creator,
Praising ever joyfully.
We too sing exultingly;
We too sing now who love Thee;
We sing to Thee this holy day. Amen.*

*To the Lord our God everlasting in glory,
Lift up your hearts! Rejoice in the Lord,
Rejoice in God! Hallelujah!*

Dmitri Bortniansky was born in the city of Glukhov, Russian Empire (in present-day Ukraine). His father was an Orthodox religious refugee. At the age of seven, Dmitri's prodigious talent at the local church choir afforded him the opportunity to go the capital of the empire and sing with the Imperial Chapel Choir in St. Petersburg, where he studied music and composition under the Choir's director. Bortniansky gained considerable success composing operas; he also composed sacred works in Latin and German, both a cappella and with orchestral accompaniment. Often called the "Russian Palestrina", he is best known today for his liturgical works and his prolific contributions to the genre of choral concertos. In 1882, Tchaikovsky edited the liturgical works of Bortniansky, which were published in ten volumes. While Bortniansky wrote operas and instrumental compositions, it is his sacred choral works that are performed most often today. This vast body of work remains central not only to understanding 18th-century Orthodox sacred music, but also served as inspiration to his fellow Ukrainian composers in the 19th century.

MEDITATION

"Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff."

—Bono, lead singer of U2

PRELUDE *Come Thou Fount/Be Thou My Vision* arr. Linda Hartman
Elizabeth Clarke

WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Liz

CALL TO WORSHIP Liz Mittman

Leader: Today we recall: Jesus came to the waters of baptism.

People: **In baptism, our Creator claims us and frees us from the power of hatred and death.**

Leader: In baptism we are joined to Christ and we are joined together in unity recalling

People: **"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."**

Leader: In baptism, the Spirit of God anoints us for ministry and makes us signs of divine love. It is the beginning of our growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

People: **Therefore on this day, the whole church, the Body of Christ, remembers and celebrates. Let us worship God!**

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Let us share God's love with one another 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 *Arise, Your Light Is Come* #164

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God of glory, you have called us by name. We pray for the courage and the strength to answer your call. As we open our ears to hear the story of your Son's baptism, open our hearts also, that we may experience again the renewing power of the Holy Spirit. Inspire us in this time of worship, that we may claim our own identity as your beloved children. Amen.

ANTHEM

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Arranged by Peter Ilyitch Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
Edgewood Adult Choir
(Words to the anthem and music notes are on page 4.)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Marcia Beer

SCRIPTURE

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 Common English Bible

The people were filled with expectation, and everyone wondered whether John might be the Messiah. John replied to them all, 'I baptize you with water, but the one who is more powerful than me is coming. I'm not worthy to loosen the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

When everyone was being baptized, Jesus also was baptized. While he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit came down on him in bodily form like a dove. And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; with you I am well pleased."

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

"Beloved"
Pastor Liz Miller

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

If you choose, you may come forward to recall the promises of your baptism – made either by you or on your behalf by your parents/guardians. If you have never been baptized, you are welcome to participate as a step on the journey toward a formal commitment.

While people come forward, we will all sing
"Pour Out Your Spirit"
From the sacred waters of my birth
To the sacred waters of this hour,
I have leaned upon you
Who knit me in my mother's womb.
O pour out your Spirit now.

PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT

By your Spirit, Almighty God, grant us

Love for others,
Joy in serving you,
Peace in disagreement,
Patience in suffering,
Kindness toward all people,
Goodness in evil times,
Faithfulness in temptation,
Gentleness in the face of opposition,
Self-control in all things.
Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.

SHARED PRAYERS AND 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERING INVITATION

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Spirit of the Living God

arr. Mike Magatagan

*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

Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, Holy God. Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people. And let the called and redeemed of God say, Amen.