

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.

World Communion Sunday

♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

Vidi aquam (I Saw Water)
Traditional Latin
Music by Michael McCarthy

*Vidi aquam egredientem de templo.
Vidi aquam a laterre dextro et onmes
Ad quos pervenit aqua ista salvi facti sunt.
Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus.
Alleluia.*

*(I saw water flowing forth from the temple.
I saw water flow forth from the right side, and all those
To whom this water flows, all people thereby are made whole.
O give praise to the Lord our God, who is gracious.
Alleluia.)*

This text is taken from the “Tridentine Rite” used by the Western Catholic church until 1962; according to the composer, “Vidi aquam” is sung at every High Mass on Sundays during Eastertide. We are sharing it now because its text seems fitting for World Communion Sunday, which we celebrate today.

The first time the choir rehearsed this, an inquisitive choir member asked “Why do it in Latin when there is a perfectly good set of English words?” That’s a very good question, and my reasons are that first, the vowel sounds of the Latin text lend themselves better to good choral sound, and second, the ancient Latin text seems to better invoke the mystery of the crucifixion and the notion of redemption and salvation found in partaking of communion, symbolized in this text by the water flowing from the right side of the temple. – Monty

MEDITATION

“Only in relatively recent times have people decided that ‘because I want to’ is sufficient reason for annoying others. Only in a culture of hyperindividualism would it occur to you to do what you wanted without reference to anyone else—”

– Bill McKibben, *Wandering Home: A Long Walk Across America’s Most Hopeful Landscape*

PRELUDE

Now My Tongue the Mystery Telling
Elizabeth Clarke

Jean Titelouze

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Liz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the roaring waves of the ocean to the blistering-hot sands of the desert,

People: **God’s creation includes all ecosystems.**

Leader: From babies experiencing caring love for the first time to elders still learning how to love in new ways,

People: **God’s creation includes people of all ages.**

Leader: From Afghanistan to Argentina and from Yemen to Zambia,

People: **God’s creation includes all nations.**

Leader: Is there any part of our world that is excluded from God’s community of creation?

People: **Nope, God didn’t leave anything out. Let us rejoice that we are but one small part of the whole! May we honor all of God’s creation with our songs of praise!**

*HYMN

For the Healing of the Nations

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear God: we confess that we think we can do it alone, that we try to do it all. In doing so, we neglect the gifts you have given us: of different generations, of communities stretched around the world, of creation strengthened by biodiversity. Remind us that in you we are one. Awake in us a respect for one another, and celebrate with us the diversity within that unity. May it be so now and forever. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: We are part of God’s divine creation, and as such we will never be alone. Know that you are forgiven and called back into relationship with God and with one another.

People: **Thanks be to God for grace! Alleluia!**

*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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Liz

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 READING

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

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

“Dear Parents, Grandparents, and Anyone Who Has a Heart for Children”

Rev. Brooks Berndt

*HYMN

Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

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SHARED PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER

OFFERING INVITATION

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

God Be With Us

arr. G.P. Telemann

*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 all creation, breathe your life-giving breath upon these gifts that they might be a blessing to all living organisms. Amen.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Our table is wide open to all, no matter your age, gender, station in life, sexual orientation, or faith tradition.

CENTERING SONG

Vidi aquam (I Saw Water)

Trad. Latin/M. McCarthy

Edgewood Adult Choir

(Words and music notes are on page 6.)

*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

We use grape juice and gluten-free bread so that all may come freely to the table.

Come forward by the center aisle or front aisles to receive the gifts of bread and cup.

Take a piece of bread, dip it in the chalice, eat and be grateful.

You may then return to your seat by a side aisle.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, God of Grace, for refreshing us at your holy table. We are full of gratitude that the same love that gives us renewed life reaches our siblings in this community and around the world. May we always be reminded to see the world through Christ's eyes, and to work for a time when all may share together at your table. Amen.

*HYMN

Thuma Mina (Send Me, Lord)

#360

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When the Poor Ones

arr. Ronald Nelson