

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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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.

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.

COMMUNION MUSIC

When We Meet In Sweet Communion
Words and music by Tillit Sidney Teddlie (1922)

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ, giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer. Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you. Amen!

*HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing #82

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?* Arr. J. Pethel

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by Eleanor Omoto
in memory of son, Roger Omoto's and parents, Loren and Marian Hester's birthdays.*

Welcome Rev. Justo González II

Rev. Justo González II is the Southwest Area Minister and the Latinx Ministry Conference Coordinator for the UCC Michigan Conference and is pastor of Ministerios Ríos de Agua Viva/Joy Like a River United Church of Christ, the first sanctuary church in metro Grand Rapids area. Rev. González works closely with immigrant communities. He will be joined by two young Dreamers, who will share their stories and experiences in a post-worship discussion time in the Community Room.

MEDITATION

"To accept one's past – one's history – is not the same thing as drowning in it; it is learning how to use it. An invented past can never be used; it cracks and crumbles under the pressures of life like clay in a season of drought."
—James Baldwin

PRELUDE

Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child
Mary Ann Baumgartner Arr. J. Tatgenhorst

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather together from many places: different houses, various neighborhoods, a scattering of locations...
People: **In worship we are united by the power of God's Holy Spirit.**
Leader: We gather together from different spiritual and emotional places: from loneliness or joy, from suffering or gladness, from apathy or empathy...
People: **In community we create together and support one another. We come under the common bond of God's eternal love.**
Leader: We come from homes where we shared meals, recipes and remember the spices that moved our souls.
People: **We remember our yesterdays with fond, or maybe not so fond memories of the smells that emanated from our family's kitchen.**
ALL: **No matter who we are or where we're from, together we sing hallelujah to the Holy One.**

*HYMN

From All that Dwell Below the Skies #27

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we are so fearful these days. We encounter economic situations which threaten to destroy our lives; we encounter anger, fear and hostility, and we feel as though we are about to drown. We want to place our trust in you, but so many times before, when we have trusted others, we have been let down. Help us to truly trust your mercy and love. Heal and forgive our fears and sins. Open our hearts to receive your mercy and help us to become your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen!

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Feel the touch of Christ on your heart! Rejoice! God is with you now and always.

People: God is with us through our deepest fears and our greatest hopes. Alleluia!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Let us offer the hope of Christ's love to our neighbor 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC *Deportee (Plane Wreck at Los Gatos)*

Words by Woody Guthrie (1948) ~ Music by Martin Hoffman

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 READING

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8a

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:13-14

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.

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

"Sabor Latinx"

Rev. Justo González II

SHARED PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER

OFFERING INVITATION

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. J. Carter

*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

Outspoken Prophet, hear the message we are speaking through these our gifts and aid us in spreading that message of hope and love to those whose voices have been silenced. May they strengthen our congregation so that we may continue to listen to those in need. 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.

*HYMN

Let us Break Bread Together

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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