



# 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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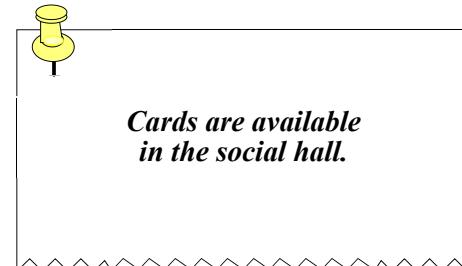
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**Edgewood United Church Mission Covenant**  
Edgewood United Church, United Church of Christ, affirms that a loving and sustaining God is still speaking and creating. Following the life, spirit and teaching of Jesus, we welcome all as we commit to do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God.

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\*HYMN

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*

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\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Sortie*

César Franck

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today by Marie Wolfe and Nancy Warner  
in celebration of Harper's and Jonah's 14th birthdays on March 1.*

## ♪ MUSIC NOTES ♪

### *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Text by Isaac Watts and Philippians 4:4-7 ~ Adapted by Dinah Haag ~ Music by Jeffrey Cobb

*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
Our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home.*

*Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame;  
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.*

*A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.*

*Christ's peace will guard our hearts and minds, transcending all we've known.  
More truth and light is yet to come out of God's holy word.*

The music our choir sings comes to us from many sources; today's selection was brought back by the Hubbards after a visit to the Frankfort Congregational church. Based on an old familiar hymn text, this new setting is dedicated "Commissioned by the First Congregational Church of Frankfort, Michigan, in celebration of our Sesquicentennial Anniversary of our gathering and God's faithfulness, guidance, inspiration, and joy since our incorporation on January 26, 1868."

The composer of this arrangement, Jeffrey Cobb, lives in Traverse City, where in addition to his composing career, he is Director of Music Programs at Northwestern Michigan College, Director of Music at Central United Methodist Church in Traverse City, and Artistic Director of the Northern Michigan College Children's Choir. Along with his sacred and secular choral works, he has composed works for band, orchestra, and for several broadcast outlets. He and his wife Laura have two children.

## MEDITATION

"[Communion is] Like when you sit in front of a fire in winter — you are just there in front of the fire. You don't have to be smart or anything. The fire warms you." —Desmond Tutu

PRELUDE

*Come Children, Join to Sing*

Elizabeth Clarke

arr. Elvis Anderson

Pastor Liz

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Something drew us together this morning:  
People: **Something we can't name but which we experience in worship,**  
Leader: Some holy mystery we call God,  
People: **Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus,**  
Leader: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit.  
People: **May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears  
and prepare us to love the world.**

\*HYMN

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory. But then Peter wanted to stay. "It's good for us to be here. Let's get comfortable." We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

**God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and  
comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep  
calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more  
of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in  
whose name we pray. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God. Believe and accept God's love and live in God's freedom.

**We believe! Thanks be to God!**

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Let us be living reminders of God's grace as we say to one another,  
"Peace be with you."

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

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

## ANTHEM

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Edgewood Adult Choir

(Words to the anthem and music notes are on page 6.)

I. Watts/D. Haag/J. Cobb

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Liz Miller

*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      Luke 9:28-36 NRSV

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## 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

**"Dazzled"**

Pastor Liz Miller

## MOMENT OF QUIET REFLECTION

## SHARED PRAYERS

## PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER

## OFFERING INVITATION

## GATHERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. Charles Rigoulot

## \*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

**Bless these gifts, we pray. May they represent just the beginning of our journey to show forth your glory to the world. 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

*Lead Us from Death to Life*

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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

*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

**God of sustenance, you are beyond words and description. We are grateful that your love is beyond knowledge and explanation. Our hearts are ready to receive you! Change us on this day, so that our lives may reflect your glory. We rejoice with great thanksgiving the power of your Holy Spirit! Amen.**