

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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A Just Peace ~ Open & Affirming ~ Environmental Covenant Church
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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

Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs

#617

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Joyful Praise
Mary Ann Baumgartner

D. Wagner

SERVING TODAY

Head Usher
Marguerite Mahler

Sexton
Rick Bernstein

Atrium Greeter
Cole Bouck

Left Hand Greeter
Beth Cafagna

Front Door Greeter
Nancy Martling

Guest Information Table
Sarah Fryer

Ushers
Cindy Chalou, Arlene Campanella & Trudy Bower

Offering Collection
Cole Bouck & Eleanor Omoto

Sound System
Marv Dunn

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today
by Al and Beth Cafagna in honor of Al's birthday!*

Coffee Time Set-Up
Kay & Ron Morgan

Coffee Time Clean-Up
Gary Mescher &
Beth Cafagna

Communion Set-up
Cindy Chalou

Communion Servers
Melinda Dickinson,
Sandra Amundson,
Katie Searl,
Jeff Searl,
John Baumgartner,
Dawn Mead &
Marv Dunn

During August our worship services are exploring the Core Values of our church denomination, the United Church of Christ. As gratitude for the many gifts in the UCC, we have also selected hymns written by UCC members or UCC forebears.

MEDITATION

"In the UCC we believe that God's realm is always closer to fruition when the human family is struggling and striving together. Our covenantal relationships are both an affirmation of God's centrality in our life together, and a witness against a world that consistently places individualism and autonomy above the needs of the community."

—Balaam's Unofficial Handbook of the United Church of Christ

PRELUDE

On the Wings of Morning
Mary Ann Baumgartner

A. Giamanco

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Liz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I am the church! You are the church!
People: We are the church together!
Leader: All who follow Jesus, all around the world!
People: Yes, we're the church together!
Leader: The church is not a building; the church is not a steeple.
People: The church is not a resting place; the church is the people.
Leader: I am the church! You are the church!
People: We are the church together!

*HYMN

Community of Christ

#314

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we often spoon-feed ourselves items and ideas that do not provide us the energy we need to do your work. This creates space between you and us, between ourselves and each other, as members of Christ's one body. Often-times, we are willing to risk our sustained health and well-being for immediate satisfaction. Lead us into wholeness and help us find ways to nurture our spirits, as we nurture our relationships through the body of Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Leader: Through Jesus, we have been given an example of one who was truly nourished and sustained by God. In Christ, we are forgiven, made whole, and restored to one body.
People: Praise God for reconciling love through Christ!

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: Let us outwardly process our Christian unity by offering each other a sign of peace, 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

Speak, O Lord

Words and music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend/arr. Mary McDonald
Gracewood Singers

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

Galatians 3:23-29 NRSV

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

The Uniting Church of Christ

Rev. Liz Miller

SHARED PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER & SILENT PRAYER

OFFERING INVITATION

GATHERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

Heaven Bound
Gospel medley/arr. Stephanie S. Taylor and Patti Drennan
Gracewood Singers

*PRESENTING OUR GIFTS

Doxology

**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.**

#780

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, we share these gifts in the spirit of those who shared their loaves and fishes: we ask that you take these gifts and use them to feed all of creation—to produce seed and grain, filling humans and animals alike, and to restore wholeness in the places where malnourishment exists. 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

Come, Gather in This Special Place

#335

*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.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Christ, our Host, we thank you for your welcome and your presence with us today at this table. We go forth from here gladdened and strengthened to witness to your love and work for a just world for all. Amen.