

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

April 17, 2022

## EASTER SUNDAY

Welcome! We invite you into a time of preparation for worship. We invite you to unplug, turn off your phones, unwind from the past week, and focus your hearts on God's presence within, around, and between us all.

### **Words of Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Call to Worship**

Psalm 118:1,17,22-24

L: O give thanks to the Source of Life, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

C: **I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of God.**

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: **This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

All: **This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### **Invocation**

\***Hymn** #233 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

#### **Question(s) for Reflection**

"The whole point of the Resurrection stories – and the Resurrection itself – is that we don't recognize Jesus when he comes back to us."

- Jay Parini

When have I possibly met Jesus without recognizing him?

Who has transformed my life in a way that revealed to me God's Spirit at work?

**Silence**

#### **Assurance of Blessing**

#### **\*Sharing of the Sign of Peace**

Let us celebrate God's great grace by offering to one another a sign of Christ's peace.

#### **Scripture**

John 20:11-18

#### **Sermon**

Called by Name

#### **\*Hymn**

#237 "I Come to the Garden Alone"

#### **Prayers of the People / Centering Prayer / Intercessory Prayer**

#### **The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**Our Father, who is 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **Offering**

Offertory

\*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. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, bless these gifts and the givers that all might carry forward the ministry you intend here in this church and community, and wherever there is a need on the face of the earth. Amen.**

#### **Service of Communion / The Lord's Supper**

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### **\*Hymn**

#257 "Alleluia! Gracious Jesus"

#### **The Take Home**

"Jesus's resurrection is the beginning of God's new project, not to snatch people away from earth to heaven, but to colonize earth with the life of heaven."

- N.T. Wright

#### **Benediction / Sung Response**

"Go, My Children" (tune: #82)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

**Postlude**

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We thank Megan Scarborough for serving as lay reader this morning.  
Please keep **Cay Browne** and **Joe DiCiccio** in your prayers.  
Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Lydia's Place, our thrift store, will be hosting a "blow out" Yard Sale, getting ready for our new line of spring clothing. Volunteer helpers needed. Talk to Pat Kohler.  
Next Sunday, April 24, is Holy Humor Sunday. Bring a joke to share or give your jokes to Rev. Sterrett in advance.

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;  
Death is strong, but Life is stronger;  
Stronger than the dark, the light;  
Stronger than the wrong, the right;  
Faith and Hope triumphant say,  
Christ will rise on Easter Day.  
- Phillips Brooks

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## Jesus Christ Is Risen



**“Supposing him to be the gardener ...”**  
- John 20:15

**No matter who you are or  
where you are on life's journey,  
you're welcome here.**

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