

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

April 24, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

L: God is present. L: Everywhere, all the time.

C: All the time, everywhere. C: God is present.

Prelude

Call to Worship

L: Blow the trumpets; play the lute and harp; shake the tambourine.

C: Hear the strings and pipe, dance, praise God!

L: Let our praise break forth in the most unlikely places and in silly ways.

C: Let our laughter be deep, for we are God's people.

Invocation

*Hymn #245 "The Day of Resurrection"

Question(s) for Reflection

"If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning." - Catherine Aird

When have I been "a horrible warning"?

What will it take to turn my fears and anxieties into laughter and joy?

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 20:19-31

Sermon "Laughter Is the Best Medicine"

*Hymn #557 "Pray for the Wilderness"

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.

*Hymn #76 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

The Take Home

"Laughter will always be the best medicine, silence will always be the best revenge, and love will always be all you need." - anonymous

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

We thank Merry Scarborough for serving as lay reader this morning.

Please keep **Cay Browne** and **Joe DiCiccio** in your prayers.

Next Sunday, May 1, Edgewood Church's Leadership Team will meet following worship.

- The Dentist's Hymn ... Crown Him with Many Crowns
- The Contractor's Hymn ... The Church's One Foundation
- The Tailor's Hymn ... Holy, Holy, Holy
- The Golfer's Hymn ... There Is a Green Hill Far Away
- The Politician's Hymn ... Standing on the Promises
- The Optometrist's Hymn ... Open My Eyes That I May See
- The IRS Agent's Hymn ... I Surrender All
- The Gossip's Hymn ... Pass It On
- The Electrician's Hymn ... Send the Light
- The Pilot's Hymn ... I'll Fly Away
- The Paramedic's Hymn ... Revive Us Again
- The Psychiatrist's Hymn ... Just a Little Talk with Jesus
- The Zoo Keeper's Hymn ... All Creatures of Our God and King
- The Waiter's Hymn ... Fill My Cup, Lord
- The Gardener's Hymn ... Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
- The Lifeguard's Hymn ... Rescue the Perishing
- The Criminal's Hymn ... Search Me, O God
- The Baker's Hymn ... When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
- The Shoe Repairer's Hymn ... It Is Well with My Soul
- The Travel Agent's Hymn ... Anywhere with Jesus
- The Geologist's Hymn ... Rock of Ages
- The Men's Wear Clerk's Hymn ... Blest Be the Tie That Binds
- The Umpire's Hymn ... I Need No Other Argument

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

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"The sermon was good, but I think you could've used a couple jokes to jazz it up a bit."

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

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