

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

May 1, 2022

THIRD 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: O God, who is One, you call us into unity.

C: **We, who are made in your image, come together seeking to be one with one another.**

L: O God, you are known as Three-in-One; a trinity calling us into community.

C: **May we, inspired by your Trinity, seek to be in community with all creation.**

L: Holy Three-in-One, who calls us all together by name,

C: **May our gathering in worship and living in community bring praise and honor to you.**

Invocation

***Hymn** "They'll Know We Are Christians" Tune: ST. BRENDAN'S

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Refrain

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
we will work with each other, we will work side by side;
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.

Refrain

Question(s) for Reflection

"The person who tries to live alone will not succeed as a human being. Their heart withers, if it does not answer another heart."

- Pearl Buck

When, in this past week, did my heart rejoice because I felt the power of community?

How has the COVID-pandemic grown my love for my faith family?

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

Genesis 2:18-23

Sermon

The Importance of Community

***Hymn** #399, vs. 1,3,5 "When Minds and Bodies Meet As One"

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** #388 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

The Take Home

"We were born to unite with [other humans], and to join in community with the human race." - Cicero

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 Cindy Cornell for serving as lay reader this morning.
Please keep **Cay Browne** and **Joe DiCiccio** in your prayers.
Following worship Edgewood Church's Leadership Team will meet.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Edgewood-Congregational-Church-Renewed-871032246620940/>

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It is not good that "adam" should be alone.

- Genesis 2:18

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

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