EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI 10:00 AM May 15, 2022

FIFTH 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

Based on Psalm 104

- L: We gather in the presence of the One who breathes life into all of Creation.
- C: We sing God's praises, breathing in God's glory.
- L: All are welcome in the presence of the Most High.
- C: We come, seeking the goodness found in the hands of God.
- L: We gather as God's beloved people, leaving no one outside.
- C: Together we reflect the fullness of God's love; together we bring God's love into the world.

All: Let us worship the Living God whose breath gives us life.

- The United Church of Christ Mental Health Network

Invocation

*Hymn #175 "O Christ, the Healer" tune: DUKE STREET

Question(s) for Reflection

"Indifference and neglect often do more damage than outright dislike." - J.K. Rowling

When has my silence kept the love of God from someone in need?
When have I judged, and not loved, someone struggling with mental health behavior issues?

Silence

*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 Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

Sermon The Stigma of Mental Health

*Hymn #179 "We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness"

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.

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 #553 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

The Take Home

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

- Leo Buscaglia

^{*}Prayer of Dedication

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 for serving as lay reader this morning.

Please keep Cay Browne and Joe DiCiccio in your prayers.

We are preparing to receive applications for our annual higher education scholarships.

Our monthly mission outreach goes to the UCC's support for Ukraine. Envelopes for these gifts can be found on the table at the back of the church.

This disease comes with a package: Shame. When any other part of your body gets sick, you get sympathy.

- Ruby Wax

Don't hate the addict, hate the disease. Don't hate the person, hate the behavior. If it is hard to watch, imagine how hard it is to live it.

It's a disorder. Not a decision.

Depression: It isn't your choice, so why is it your fault?

There comes a point where you no longer care if there's a light at the end of the tunnel or not. You're just sick of the tunnel.

- Ranata Suzuki

Just because you don't understand it doesn't mean it isn't so.

- Lemony Snicket

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Mental Health Sunday



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