

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

July 3, 2022

## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: We come wanting to know the presence of a loving God.

C: We come wanting to be shown the path of life.

L: Let us bless the Holy One whose presence gives us counsel and guidance.

C: Let us celebrate the freeing, life-giving ways of our God.

### **Invocation**

**\*Hymn** #565 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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

"The purpose of freedom is to create it for others." - Nelson Mandela

When have I kept silent when others were losing their rights?

When have I been unwilling to do with less so that others might have enough?

**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** Galatians 5:1,13-26, *The Message Bible*

**Sermon** Free to Serve

**\*Hymn** #498 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

### **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** #594 "How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies"

### **The Take Home**

"Freedom is our opportunity to love and to serve one another."

**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 Cindy Cornell for serving as lay reader this morning.

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

For the month of July we are partnering with Project Undercover to provide needy families with new, unopened diapers (all sizes), new children’s socks and underwear (all sizes), and unopened baby wipes. As a non-profit Project Undercover can also purchase these essential items in bulk at a reduced rate, so we are also encouraging cash donations. You can go on their website and make a financial donation there; you can write a check made out to Project Undercover or Edgewood Church, putting in the memo line “Project Undercover”.

**Be sure to visit us on the web: <http://edgewoodchurchri.org>**

**Or on Facebook:**

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

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**Free to Serve**



“Use your freedom to serve one another in love; that’s how freedom grows.”

- Galatians 5:13b  
*The Message Bible*

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

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