

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

July 31, 2022

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## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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**

Psalm 63:2,3,5,7 *The Message Bible*

L: O God, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

C: **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

L: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips.

C: **For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

### **Invocation**

**\*Hymn** #565, vs. 1-3 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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

"Greed is not a financial issue. It's a heart issue." - *Andy Stanley*

Am I greedy?

When has my desire to have overshadowed my desire to share?

*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**

Luke 12:13-21

### **Sermon**

GREED 101

**\*Hymn** #563 "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

### **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**

#562 "Take My Gifts"

#### **The Take Home**

"Envy and greed starve on a steady diet of thanksgiving."

- *Billy Graham*

"Love is blind. Greed insatiable."

- *Chinese Proverbs*

#### **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.**

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#### **Postlude**

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

Please keep **Cay Browne, Joe DiCiccio, Don Fowler, Don Josephson, Ricky Brightman, and Roman Crispi** 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".

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## GREED 101



**They who are greedy are always in want.**

*- Horace*

**I will tell you how to become rich. Close the doors ... Be fearful when others are greedy.**

**Be greedy when others are fearful.**

*- Warren Buffett*

**Money isn't the root of all evil. Greed is.**

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

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