

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

August 7, 2022

NINTH 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

Psalm 33:20-22

L: Our soul waits for the Lord,

C: Because the Holy One is our help and shield.

L: Our heart is glad in God,

C: Because we trust in God's holy name.

All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

Invocation

*Hymn #369 "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

Question(s) for Reflection

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

- Luke 12:34

What is my treasure?

Where is my heart?

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 12:32-40

Sermon

On Being Prepared

***Hymn**

#112 "Keep Awake, Be Always Ready"

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**

#347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

The Take Home

"Love people, use things. The opposite never works."

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 Leslie McCrea for serving as lay reader this morning.

Please keep **Cay Browne, Joe DiCiccio, Don Josephson, Ricky Brightman,** and **Roman Crispi** in your prayers.

Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Parent’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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and have your lamps lit.**

- Luke 12:35

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

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