EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI 10:00 AM August 14, 2022

TENTH 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 82:3-4

L: Holy One, give justice to the weak and the orphan;

C: Maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.

L: Rescue the weak and the needy;

C: Deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

All: May our worship and lives of service in your name, O Lord, embody your justice and love.

Invocation

*Hymn #588 "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

Question(s) for Reflection

"Signs of the Times. It is more important to be seen than to exist."
- Eugene Thacker

Am I more concerned about being seen, than seeing others?

How have I helped those who are not only not seen, but whose existence is ignored?

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 12:49-56

Sermon Interpreting the Present Time

*Hymn #582 "O God of Earth and Altar"

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 #573 "Lead On Eternal Sovereign"

The Take Home

"Gratitude is the sign of noble souls."

- Aesop

"Go, My Children" (tune: #82)

Benediction / Sung Response

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, Joe DiCiccio, Don Josephson, Ricky Brightman, and Roman Crispi in your prayers.

Looking Ahead:

Sunday, August 28, our worship service will be a hymn sing and in worship we will be giving out our scholarship awards. Following worship, we will be hosting a cookout. We hope everyone will make every effort to be in attendance.

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

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Signs of the Times



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- Luke 12:56

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

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