

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

August 21, 2022

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## ELEVENTH 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 103:1,2,8, 22b adapted

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul:

C: All that is within me, bless the Holy One's name.

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul:

C: May I never forget all God's benefits.

L: The Holy One is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

### **Invocation**

\*Hymn #555, vs. 1-4 "Here, Savior, in this Quiet Place"

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

"Religious bondage shackles and debilitates the mind and unfits it for every noble enterprise, every expanded prospect." - James Madison

When have I been offended by someone challenging my beliefs?

When have my beliefs excluded or alienated someone or some group?

*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 13:10-17

### **Sermon**

Freed from Bondage

\*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.

\*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 #576, vs. 1-3 "For the Healing of the Nations"

### **The Take Home**

"Freedom from spiritual conflicts and bondage is not a power encounter; it's a truth encounter." - Neil T. Anderson

### **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 Bob Benjamin 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:**

Next 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 13:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

<sup>11</sup>And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup>When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." <sup>13</sup>When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup>But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." <sup>15</sup>But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? <sup>16</sup>And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" <sup>17</sup>When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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## Freed from Bondage



**Chains of habit are too light to be felt  
until they are too heavy to be broken.**

*- Warren Buffett*

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

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