

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

September 25, 2022

SIXTEENTH 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: Speak and remember this promise of God:

C: **"When they call to me, I will answer them;**

L: "I will be with them in trouble,

C: **"I will rescue them and honor them."**

All: **With grateful hearts let us give thanks to God, who is our refuge and our fortress.**

Invocation

***Hymn** "Tis the Gift to Be Simple" (sing twice)

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gain'd,
To bow and to bend we will not be asham'd,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

Question(s) for Reflection

Fear is a negative emotion for many. If someone causes us to be fearful, we might consider them a bully. Yet we are told to fear God.

Do I fear God?

If God is to be feared, how can God be love?

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 Amos 6:1a,4-7 Luke 16:19-31 I Timothy 6:6-19

Sermon Awed by God, We Are Content

***Hymn** #410 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

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** #575 "O For a World"

The Take Home

May you love God so much that you love nothing else too much;
May you fear God enough that you need fear nothing else at all.

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 Francesca Maroni for serving as lay reader this morning.
Please keep **Brenda Muoio, Cay Browne, Joe DiCiccio, Nancy Soukup, Ricky Brightman,** and **Roman Crispi** in your prayers.

The August and September Mission is supporting Project Outreach with financial donations to help them put together backpacks for children returning to school this fall.

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Awed by God



We Are Content

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

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