

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

October 2, 2022

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## SEVENTEENTH 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**

L: Loving God, we come this day because you welcome all to your table.

C: Those we understand and those we don't.

L: Those we love and those we fear.

C: Those we agree with and those whose opinions differ from our own.

All: Gracious Creator, we come together to worship you, the Holy One, no matter the nation, regardless of our differences.

### **Invocation**

**\*Hymn** "Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race" Tune: TALLIS' CANNON

1. Diverse in cul-ture, na-tion, race, we come to-geth-er by your grace.

God, let us be a meet-ing ground where hope and heal-ing love are found.

2. God, let us be a bridge of care con-nect-ing peo-ple ev-'ry-where. Help us con-front all fear and hate and lust for pow'r that se-par-ate.

3. When cha-sms wid-en, storms a-rise, O Ho-ly Spir-it, make us wise. Let our re-solve, like steel, be strong to stand with those who suf-fer wrong.

4. God, let us be a ta-ble spread with gifts of love and bro-ken bread, where all find wel-come, grace attends, and en-e-mies a-rise as friends.

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

"If your enemies are hungry, give them bread to eat; and if they are thirsty, give them water to drink." - Proverbs 25:21

Who do I choose to eat meals with and who do I avoid sitting at table with?

Would I sit down at a dinner table with my enemy?

**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 5:29-32

### **Sermon**

Guess Who Is Invited to Dinner?

### **\*Hymn**

#332 "As We Gather at Your Table"

### **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**

"You learn a lot about someone when you share a meal together."  
- Anthony Bourdain

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

This month's Mission Focus is our annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering. Envelopes can be found on the tables at the front and back of the sanctuary.

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**Breaking Bread, Together**

**No matter who you are or  
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you're welcome here.**

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