

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

October 23, 2022

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## TWENTIETH 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 121:1,2,7,8, adapted

L: I lift my eyes to the hills, praying: from where will my help come?

C: My help comes from God, the Source of all life.

L: God keeps me from all evil; God keeps my life.

C: God keeps me, watches over me, wherever I go, wherever I am.

All: In worship and in my daily living, may my life praise God always.

### **Invocation**

\*Hymn #436 "God of Grace and God of Glory", vs. 1,4,5

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

"Without justice there can be no peace. He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps perpetrate it."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

When have I been silent, because the injustice I heard about didn't affect me?

What keeps me from speaking up and demanding justice for others?

*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 18:1-8, *The Message Bible*

**Sermon** Demanding Justice ... by Praying Consistently

\*Hymn #282 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

### **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 #314 "Community of Christ", vs. 1-3

#### **The Take Home**

"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" - Micah 6:8

**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 Carolyn Benjamin for serving as lay reader this morning.

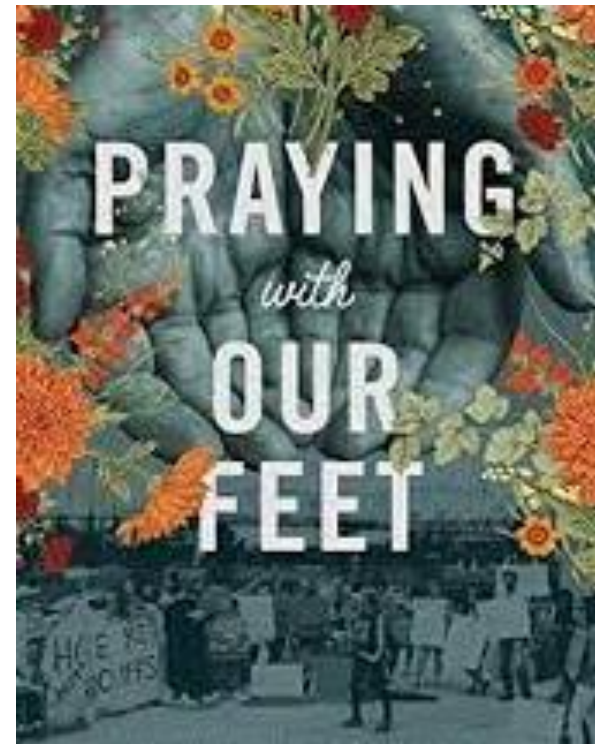
Please keep **Cay Browne, Joe DiCiccio, Nancy Soukup, Ricky Brightman,** and **Roman Crispi** in your prayers.

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.

Next Sunday, October 30, we will look at the connection between Halloween and the Reformation. Everyone is invited and encourage to come in costume. :->)

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## Demanding Justice



## By Praying Consistently

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

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*Or on Facebook:*

*<https://www.facebook.com/Edgewood-Congregational-Church-Renewed-871032246620940/>*

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