

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

October 30, 2022

TWENTY-FIRST 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 46, adapted

L: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.

C: So we will not fear, even if earthquakes come, and the mountains crumble into the sea.

L: Let the oceans roar and foam. Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

C: The Lord Almighty is here among us; the God of Israel is our fortress.

Invocation

***Hymn** #439 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Question(s) for Reflection

"Faith comes by hearing the word of God through the testimony of the Servants of God."
- Joseph Smith

When has my life been a testimony to the word of God?

When has my life turned people away from God?

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 I Timothy 4:1-10, *The Message Bible*

Sermon Not a Silly Story Dressed Up As Religion

***Hymn** #318 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

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** #316 "We Limit Not the Truth of God" Tune: ELLACOMBE

The Take Home

"Every creature is a word of God."

- Meister Eckhart

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 Ken 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.

Next Sunday, November 6, is our All Saints Day worship celebration as we remember those close to us who passed away in the past year and those we still grieve years later. Please bring a photo, framed or not, of your loved one to share with the gathered congregation by placing the photo on the communion table in front. Knowing love knows no bounds photos can also be of a beloved pet.

I Timothy 4:1-10, *The Message Bible*

The Spirit makes it clear that as time goes on, some are going to give up on the faith and chase after demonic illusions put forth by professional liars. These liars have lied so well and for so long that they've lost their capacity for truth. They will tell you not to get married. They'll tell you not to eat this or that food - perfectly good food God created to be eaten heartily and with thanksgiving by Christians! Everything God created is good, and to be received with thanks. Nothing is to be sneered at and thrown out. God's Word and our prayers make every item in creation holy.

You've been raised on the Message of the faith and have followed sound teaching. Now pass on this counsel to the Christians there, and you'll be a good servant of Jesus. Stay clear of silly stories that get dressed up as religion. Exercise daily in God - no spiritual flabbiness, please! Workouts in the gymnasium are useful, but a disciplined life in God is far more so, making you fit both today and forever. You can count on this. Take it to heart. This is why we've thrown ourselves into this venture so totally. We're banking on the living God, Savior of all men and women, especially believers.

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

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