

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

November 13, 2022

TWENTY-THIRD 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

Isaiah 12:2,5,6

L: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,

C: **For the Lord God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.**

L: Sing praises to God, for God has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

C: **Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst is the Holy One.**

Invocation

***Hymn** #611 "O Day of God, Draw Near"

Question(s) for Reflection

Through Isaiah God promised, "I am about to create new heavens and a new earth." This was a promise given in the midst of ruin.

- Pope Francis

In these times of division and change in what or whom do I put my trust?

How is God's love shining through me, building bridges to those on the other side of my political divide?

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

Isaiah 65:17-25

Luke 21:5-19

Sermon

Darkness: An Opportunity to Testify

***Hymn**

#172 "Jesus Call Us, o'er the Tumult"

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**

#609 "Now Is the Time Approaching"

The Take Home

"What if this darkness is not the darkness of the tomb, but the darkness of the womb?"

- Valerie Kaur

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 Pat Kohler for serving as lay reader this morning.

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

Our November Mission support is for Transfiguration's Food Pantry. Please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the shopping cart outside our church's office.

Next Sunday we will gather for worship a Manna Worship in Sawyer Hall. This is an abbreviated worship service around tables followed by a potluck brunch. If you can, please bring some food to share.

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