

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

January 8, 2023

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## THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST SUNDAY

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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: The Holy One calls us to love all whom we encounter.

C: **We are called to love, showing no partiality.**

L: The Holy One calls us to service.

C: **We are called to servanthood.**

All: **May our love and service incarnate God, the Holy One, in our world today.**

### **Invocation**

\***Hymn** #395 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

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

"God shows no partiality." - Acts 10:34

When have I dismissed someone because I knew they were a bad person?

Who is just plain evil, no question?

Who is someone I refuse to serve? Why?

**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 42:1-9

Act 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17

### **Sermon**

A Light to the Nations

\***Hymn** #531 "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

### **Joys and Concerns / 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** #76 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

### **The Take Home**

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

- Galatians 3:28

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

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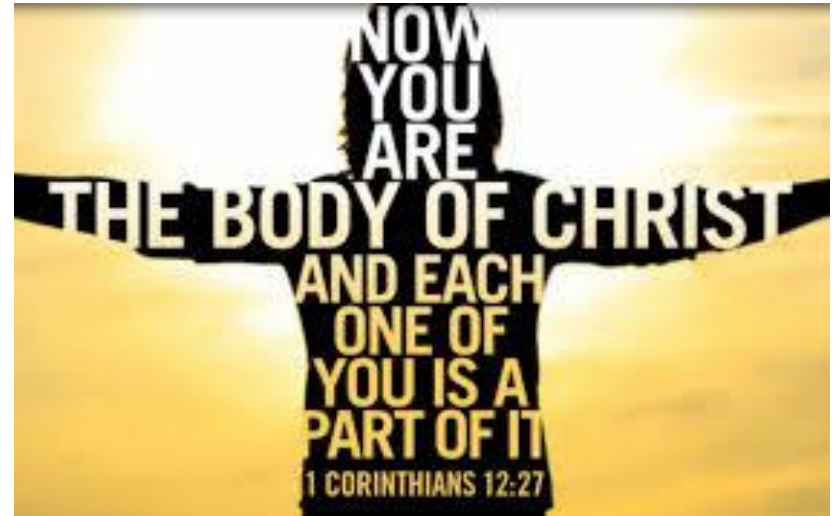
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## Here Is My Servant

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

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