

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

January 15, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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: We gather to worship God,

C: **Who creates us and loves us;**

L: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

C: **Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

L: Who inspires people of all ages,

C: **To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;**

L: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and well-being for all,

C: **And whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

All: **We gather to worship God.**

Invocation

***Hymn** #575 "O for a World"

Question(s) for Reflection

"We will have to repent in this generation, not merely for the hateful words and actions of the bad people, but for the appalling silence of the good people." - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

When have I been silent in the face of "hateful words and actions"?
When have I failed to be an ally to those oppressed by a racist system?

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 49:1-7

Sermon

Called to Be an Ally

***Hymn**

#472 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

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.

***Hymn**

#593 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

The Take Home

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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, Jeff Gilborn, and Roman Crispi** in your prayers.

Be sure to visit us on the web: <http://edgewoodchurchri.org>

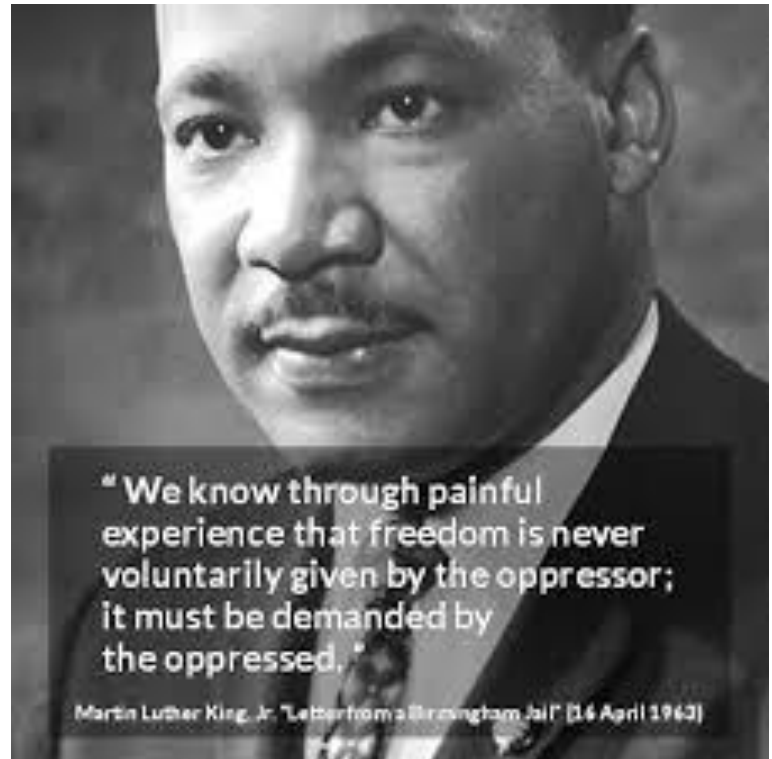
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**No matter who you are or
where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.**

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