

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

January 22, 2023

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## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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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**

Edwin Markham, Disciples poet

L: There was one who drew a circle that shut me out,

C: **Saying, "Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout."**

L: But Love and I had the wit to win,

C: **And we drew a circle that took that one in!**

All: **We gather to worship God and give thanks that God has drawn us into the circle of Love.**

### **Invocation**

#### **\*Hymn**

#207 "Just as I Am"

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

"Before we can begin to see the cross as something done for us, we have to see it as something done by us." - John Stott

What have I done in the past week that nailed Jesus to the cross?

*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 Corinthians 1:10-18

#### **Sermon**

The Cross: The Power of God

#### **\*Hymn**

#218 "Ah, Holy Jesus"

#### **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**

#190 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

#### **The Take Home**

"The cross expresses love, service, unreserved self-giving: it truly is the "tree of life", of overabundant life." - Pope Francis

#### **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.**

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#### **Postlude**

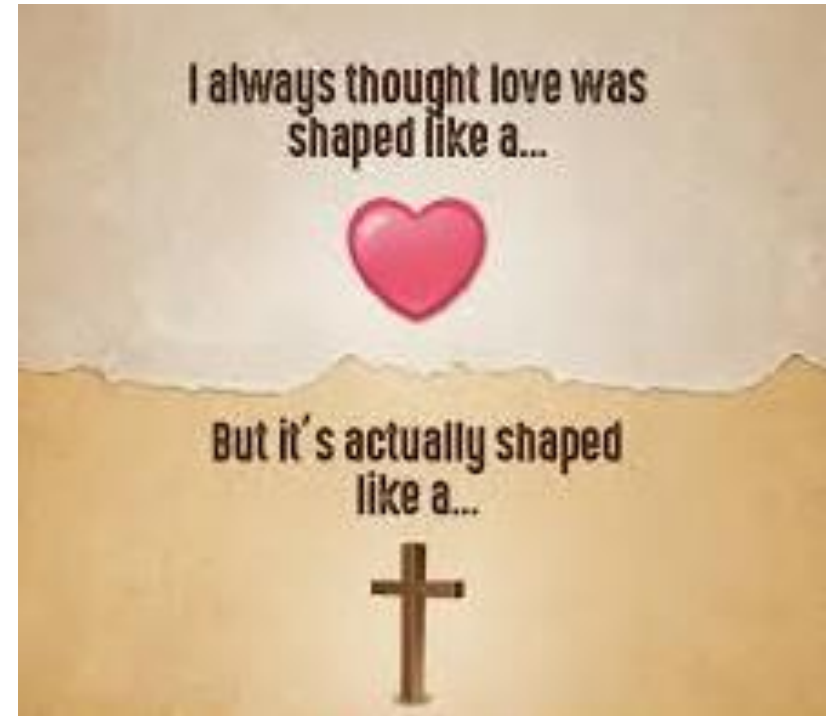
We thank Merry Scarborough for serving as lay reader this morning.

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

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**It was love, not nails, that kept Jesus on the cross.**

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

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