

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

February 5, 2023

FIFTH 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

Psalm 112:1,4

L: Praise the Lord.

C: Happy are those who fear God, who greatly delight in God's commandments.

L: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;

C: They are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

All: Praise the Lord.

Invocation

*Hymn #524 "This Little Light of Mine"

Question(s) for Reflection

"Every day, wherever you are, you have the opportunity to be a light and a blessing." - Brandon Buell

When, in the past week, did I nurture the light of God's love in someone else's darkness?

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

Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon

On Being the Salt of the Soil

*Hymn #540, vs. 1,2,5,6 "We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed"

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 #535, vs. 1,2,4 "O Holy God, Whose Gracious Power"

The Take Home

"Thousands of candles can be lit from a single candle. Happiness never decreases by being shared." - Buddha

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 Cindy Cornell 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.

Our January/February Mission support is for Crossroads Rhode Island, the only shelter in Rhode Island open 24/7.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Edgewood-Congregational-Church-Renewed-871032246620940/>

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Called to Be the Salt of the Soil



“You are the salt of the earth. But remember that salt is useful when in association, but useless in isolation.”

- Israelmore Ayivor

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

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