

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

February 12, 2023

SIXTH 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, called into right worship of God, our Creator.

C: In Jesus the Christ we see clearly what all the prophets have told us: God is praised and "rightly" worshipped, when we reach out to our neighbor in love.

L: Often for us to love our neighbor we must seek to be reconciled one to the other.

C: May our worship equip us for the work of reconciliation, so that we might offer hope and healing in God's holy name.

Invocation

*Hymn #533 "Children of God"

Question(s) for Reflection

"If we are to heal the divisions in the world we have to open ourselves, honestly and deeply, to a diversity of perspectives."

- Vincent E. Price

When have my fears kept me from being open to opposing opinions?

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 3:1-9

Sermon Who Gives the Growth?

*Hymn #306 "The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

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 #410 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

The Take Home

"In a world so torn apart by rivalry, anger, and hatred, we have the privileged vocation to be living signs of a love that can bridge all divisions and heal all wounds."
- Henri Nouwen

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 Mark Schnabel 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.

Tuesday evening, February 28, at 7:00 PM will be the first of six weekly meetings to talk about the book **So You Want to Talk About Race** by Ijeoma Oluo. You can choose to attend in person, here at Edgewood Church in the Smith Room, or on Zoom. We will be reading and then discussing three chapters a week. This book is a wonderful teaching guide for understanding many of the issues around lack of racial justice in our society.

If you want to support the UCC's aid to earthquake relief in Turkey and Syria, you can go to ucc.org, click on the Donate button, and, when asked, choose "International Emergency" as your "designated gift". Or you can give money to Edgewood Church and designate "Earthquake Relief".

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“So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”

- I Corinthians 3:7

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

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