

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

March 5, 2023

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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 121:1,2,7,8, adapted

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?  
C: My help comes from the One, who made heaven and earth.  
L: The Holy One will keep me from all evil, will keep my life.  
C: The Holy One will keep my going out and my coming in.  
All: In a spirit of thankfulness we gather to praise the Holy One.

### Invocation

**\*Hymn** #24, vs. 1-3 “The God of Abraham Praise”

### Question(s) for Reflection

“Sometimes I think that we get so involved with doctrine that we lose sight of the Lord Jesus Christ entirely.” - Kathryn Kuhlman

When have I gotten so caught up in the “right-ness” of my faith that I have failed to love as Jesus loved?

### Silence

### Assurance of Blessing

**Scripture** Romans 4:1-5,13-17, *The Message Bible*  
John 3:1-17

**Sermon** Faith, Hope, and Love

**\*Hymn** #461, vs. 2&3 “Let Us Hope”

### \*Sharing of the Sign of Peace

Let us celebrate God’s great grace by offering to one another a sign of Christ’s peace.

### Joys and Concerns / Centering Prayer / Intercessory Prayer

#### The Lord’s Prayer *(in unison)*

**Our Creator, who is in heaven here, 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** #332, vs. 1,2 “As We Gather at Your Table”

### The Take Home

“A doctrine serves no purpose in itself, but it is indispensable to have one if only to avoid being deceived by false doctrines.” - Simone Weil

**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 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.

Our March Mission support is for the UCC's all-church offering, One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes for the offering can be found on the back and front tables in the sanctuary.

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# Doctrine



**The will of God, to which the law gives expression, is that [people] should defeat their enemies by loving them.**

*- Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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

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