

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

March 12, 2023

THIRD 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 95:1,2

L: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: **Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to the Holy One with songs of praise!**

***Hymn** #18 "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

Question(s) for Reflection

"Our faith is like opening the faucet. We can open it a lot, a little, or not at all." - Peter Kreeft

When has my faith seemed to be the size of a dripping faucet?

Why is it so hard to "let go and let God"?

Silence

Assurance of Blessing

Scripture

John 4:5-42

Sermon

Why!?: Thirsting for Answers

***Hymn** #489, vs. 1-4 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" Tune: WINCHESTER OLD

***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 here 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** #109, vs. 1,3,5 "With Joy Draw Water"

The Take Home

"Spiritual life is like living water that springs up from the very depths of our own spiritual experience." - Bernard of Clairvaux

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 Ken Scarborough for serving as lay reader this morning.

Please keep **Cay Browne, Joe DiCiccio, Nancy Soukup, Ricky Brightman, Jeff Gilborn, and Barbara Sterrett** 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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Like water in the desert is wisdom to the soul.
- Edward Counsel

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where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here.**

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