

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

April 9, 2023

EASTER SUNDAY

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

Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 118:1,17,22-24

L: O give thanks to the Source of Life, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

C: I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of God.

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

C: This is God's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

All: This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Invocation

***Hymn** #233 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Question(s) for Reflection

"We must first peer into the darkness, feel strangled and entombed, in the hopelessness of living without God, before we are ready to feel the presence of God's living light." - *Abraham Joshua Herschel*

Feeling entombed by violence and hatred that seems to be consuming the world, how has my fear kept me from seeing God's living light?

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 28:1-10

Sermon "He is going ahead of you." Follow!

***Hymn** #237 "I Come to the Garden Alone"

Prayers of the People / 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.

Service of Communion / The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn** #245 "The Day of Resurrection"

The Take Home

"Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." - *Martin Luther*

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, Barbara Sterrett, and Lisa Röthingshöfer** in your prayers.

Next Sunday, April 16, is Holy Humor Sunday. Bring a joke to share or give your jokes to Rev. Sterrett in advance.

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but Life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and Hope triumphant say,
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

- Phillips Brooks

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**Christ Is Risen!
Risen Indeed!**



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

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