

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

June 18, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 68:4,5,19, adapted

L: Come, sing praises to God! Rejoice in the Holy One's presence!

C: **For this is our God: a Father to the fatherless, and the defender of all who need protection.**

L: The Holy One in whom the lonely find a home, and the prisoner finds release.

C: **Bless the Lord, the God of our salvation, who sustains and strengthens us, day after day!**

Invocation

***Hymn** #404 "Give Up Your Anxious Pains"

Question(s) for Reflection

"Every father should remember that one day his child will follow his example, instead of his advice". - Charles Kettering

When have my words or actions not been examples of Christian living?

When has my strength not been perceived as gentle?

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

Genesis 18:1-15

Sermon

Sarah Laughed. Joy or Cynicism?

***Hymn**

#611 "O Day of God, Draw Near"

Joys and Concerns / Centering Prayer / Intercessory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Creator, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, 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**

#314 "Community of Christ"

The Take Home

"Once a man was asked, "What did you gain by regularly praying to God?" The man replied, "Nothing ... But let me tell you what I lost: Anger, ego, greed, depression, insecurity, and fear of death." Sometimes, the answer to our prayers is not gaining but losing; which ultimately is the gain."

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, Ricky Brightman, Jeff & Susan Gilborn,** and **Lisa Röthlingshöfer** in your prayers.

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Living the Love & Justice of Jesus

Purpose Statement: Love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves

Vision Statement: United in Christ's love, a just world for all

Mission Statement: United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all

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

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