

# EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

June 25, 2023

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## FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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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 86:11,13a,12

L: Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

C: Give me an undivided heart to revere your name.

L: Great is your steadfast love toward me.

C: I give thanks to you, O Lord, my God with my whole heart, and will glorify your name forever.

### **Invocation**

\*Hymn #495 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

### **Question(s) for Reflection**

"Discipleship is all about living life together, rather than just one structured meeting per week." - Francis Chan

What must I do in order to not leave my faith at the church door?

What did I do this past week that revealed to the world God's love?

*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 10:24-39

### **Sermon**

Discipleship: Living the Love and Justice of Jesus

\*Hymn #498 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

### **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**

#492 "I Would Be True"

#### **The Take Home**

"Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others." - Pope Francis

#### **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.

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#### **Postlude**

We thank Mark Schnabel for serving as lay reader this morning.

Please keep Cay Browne, Joe DiCiccio, Ricky Brightman, Jeff & Susan Gilborn, and Lisa Röthlingshöfer in your prayers.

You call us into your church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be your servants in the service of others,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.

taken from **Statement of Faith**  
United Church of Christ  
New Century Hymnal, #885

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

taken from **A New Creed**  
United Church of Canada, 1980  
New Century Hymnal, #887

Discipleship is always an inescapable war between the kingdom of self  
and the kingdom of God. - Paul David Tripp

Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life.  
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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## Following Jesus



**Discipleship begins and ends with love.**

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

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