Cranston, RI

SIXTH 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 145:8-11, The Message Bible

- L: God is good to one and all; everything God does is soaked through with grace.
- C: Creation and creatures applaud you, God; your holy people bless you.
- L: Your people talk about the glories of your rule, we exclaim over your splendor.
- C: We will let the world know of your power for good, the lavish splendor of your kin-dom.

Invocation

*Hymn #579 "Great God of Earth and Heaven"

Question(s) for Reflection

"I can will what is right, but I cannot do it." - Romans 7:18b

When did I not speak up, because it all seemed so impossible?

What motivates me to keep going, when it feels so futile to do so?

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

Romans 7:15-25

Sermon	"I do the very thing I hate"
*Hymn	#459 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

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 #100 "All Praise Be Yours, My God, This Night"

The Take Home

"The curious paradox is that when I accept myself just as I am, then I can change." - Carl Rogers

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 Pat Kohler for serving as lay reader this morning.

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

THE PARADOX OF OUR TIMES

His Holiness the Dalai Lama Is that we have taller buildings, but shorter tempers Wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints We spend more, but we have less We have bigger houses, but smaller families More conveniences, but less time We have more degrees, but less sense More knowledge, but less judgment More experts, but more problems More medicines, but less wellness We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often We have learnt how to make a living, but not a life We have added years to life, but not life to years We've been all the way to the moon and back But have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbour We have conquered outer space, but not inner space We've cleaned up the air, but polluted our soul We've split the atom, but not our prejudice We've higher incomes, but lower morals We've become long on quantity, but short on quality These are the times of tall men, and short character Steep profits, and shallow relationships These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare More leisure, but less fun; more kinds of food, but less nutrition These are the days of two incomes, but more divorces Of fancier houses, but broken homes It is a time when there is much in the show window And nothing in the stockroom Be sure to visit us on the web: http://edgewoodchurchri.org Or on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/Edgewood-Congregational-Church-Renewed-

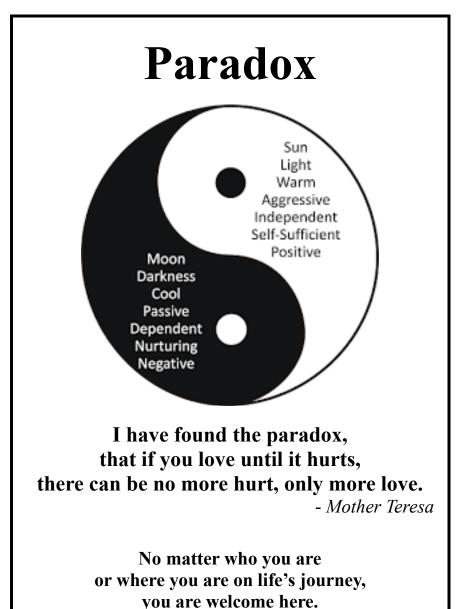
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