

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

August 6, 2023

TENTH 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 145:14-18,21, *The Message Bible*

L: God gives a hand to those down on their luck, gives a fresh start to those ready to quit.

C: **All eyes are on you, expectant; you give them their meals on time.**

L: Generous to a fault, you lavish your favor on all creatures.

C: **Everything God does is right – the trademark on all God's work is love.**

L: God is there, listening for all who pray, for all who pray and mean it.

C: **My mouth is filled with God's praise. Let everything living bless God, bless God's holy name from now to eternity!**

Invocation

***Hymn** #543, vs.1,2, & 4 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

Question(s) for Reflection

"My part is not feeding five thousand men. My part is giving my lunch to Jesus."
- Emily P. Freeman

How many times have I walked past someone asking for financial support and thought to myself, "Just get a job!"?

When was the last time I missed a meal, because I didn't have enough money to buy food? (If never, did you thank God?)

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 14:13-215

Sermon

"You give them something to eat."

***Hymn**

#349 "I Come with Joy"

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.

Service of Communion / The Lord's Supper

Invitation

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Hymn**

#347 "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

The Take Home

“Every time you answer Jesus’ call to serve and give of yourself to feed those who are hungry, communion, “The Lord’s Supper”, is served.”

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, Ricky Brightman, Jeff & Susan Gilborn, and Michael Bennett** in your prayers.

Looking Ahead:

We will be having a conversation on the book Neither Wolf Nor Dog by Kent Nerburn here at the church on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 PM.

“Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth.”
- *Mohammad Ali*

Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.
- *Lao Tzu*

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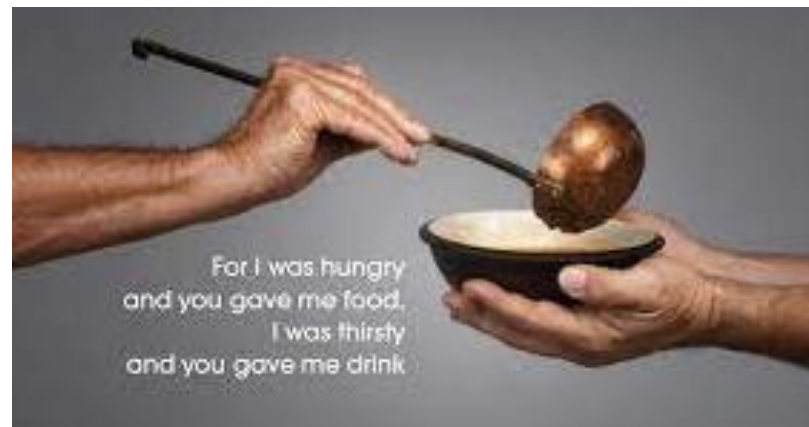
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No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted.

- *Aesop*

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

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