

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

August 13, 2023

ELEVENTH 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 85:8,10-12

L: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for God will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God in their hearts.

C: **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

L: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

C: **The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**

Invocation

*Hymn #42 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Question(s) for Reflection

"Faith isn't believing without proof – it's trusting without reservation."
- William Sloane Coffin

When the storms of life threaten to overwhelm me, why do I spend more time worrying about my future, than trusting in God and giving thanks?

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 14:22-33

Sermon

Trusting without Reservation

*Hymn #502, vs. 1,2, & 5 "Dear God, Embracing Humankind"

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 #410 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

The Take Home

"God isn't looking for people of great faith, but for individuals ready to follow."
- Hudson Taylor

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 Carolyn Benjamin 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.

Gratitude doesn't change what we have in front of us; it changes the way we see what we have.

Remember to be grateful. It is a saving grace, and sometimes the only tether to heaven. I am given a short time to live in a wonderful world, fantastically designed, beautiful beyond description, constantly changing from one glory to another, and we would do well to keep our eyes open and not miss a thing. - Paul Sterrett

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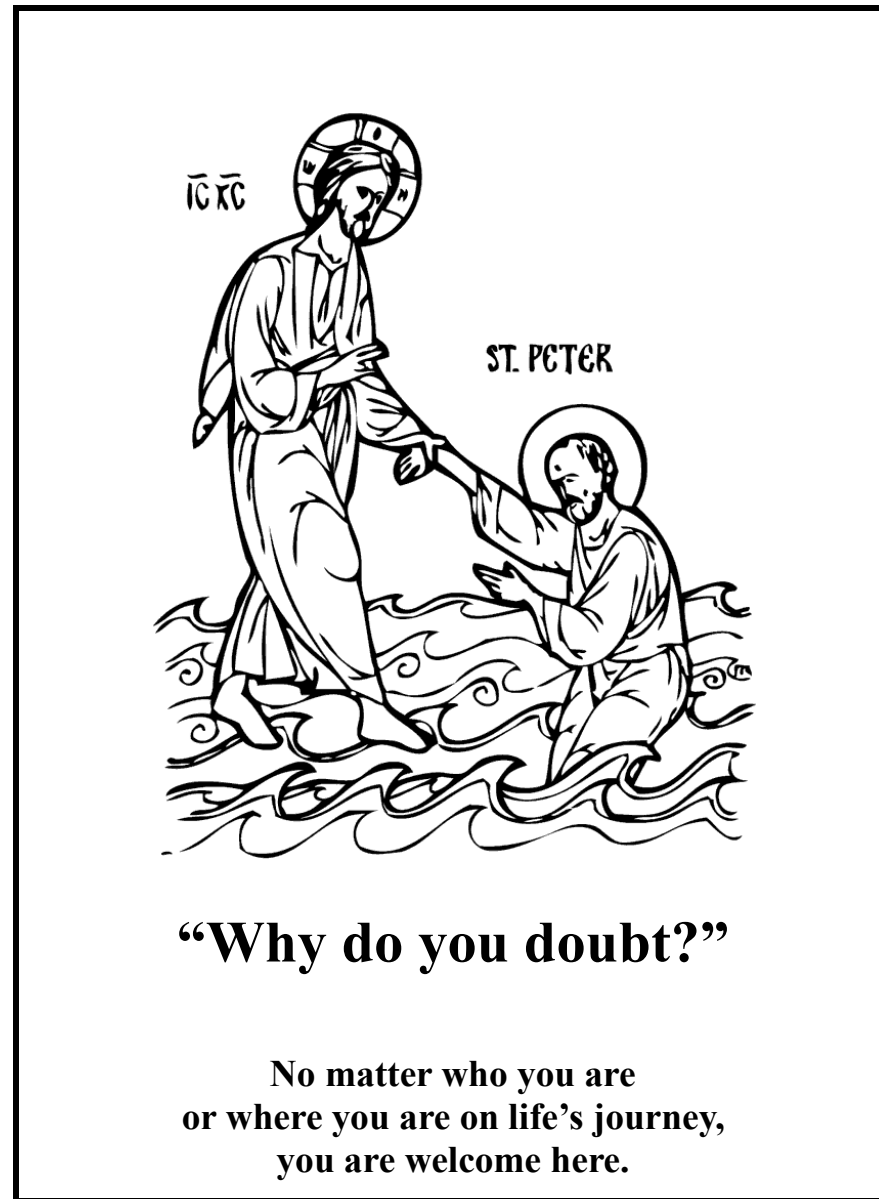
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“Why do you doubt?”

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

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