

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

August 27, 2023

THIRTEENTH 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 138:1,8

L: I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart.

C: **Boldly, O God, I will sing psalms of praise to you.**

L: God's purpose will be fulfilled for me.

C: **God's steadfast love will endure forever.**

Invocation

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

Question(s) for Reflection

"Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
- Matthew 16:16

Who do I say Jesus is?

If Jesus is the "Messiah", what does this mean for me?

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 16:13-20

Sermon

"Who do you say I am?"

***Hymn**

#40 "You Are the Way"

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**

#300, vs. 1,4,&5 "Jesus Shall Reign"

The Take Home

"Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one's life."
- 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.

Postlude

We thank Emma Maroni 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.

About Jesus Christ and the Church, I simply know they're just one thing. - Joan of Arc

I believe in person to person. Every person is Christ for me, and since there is only one Jesus, that person is the one person in the world at that moment. - Mother Teresa

Jesus was the first socialist, the first to seek a better life for mankind. - Mikhail Gorbachev

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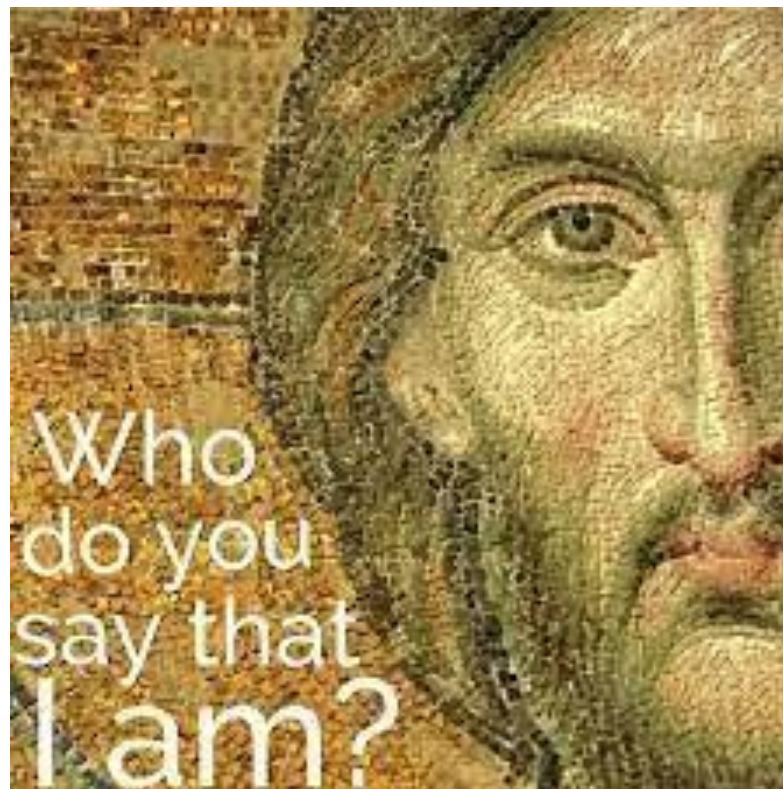
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