

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

October 15, 2023

TWENTIETH 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 106:1,3,48

L: Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God, for God is good.

C: God's steadfast love endures forever.

L: Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

C: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Invocation

***Hymn** #55 "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

Question(s) for Reflection

No one can put on the robes of Christ's righteousness until they can take off their own. - Charles H. Spurgeon

When has my ego gotten in the way of listening, closely, to my neighbor?

Why do I often feel the need to be right?

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

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

Putting on the Banquet Robe

***Hymn**

#492 "I Would Be True"

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**

#531 "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

The Take Home

We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses.

- Abraham Lincoln

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 Leslie McCrea 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:

Following worship and a short sojourn in coffee hour there will be a Leadership Team meeting.

He who loves, flies, runs, and rejoices; he is free and nothing holds [them] back. - Henri Matisse

When I started counting my blessings, my whole life turned around. - Willie Nelson

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Rejoice, in the Lord
always;
again I will say,



And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- *Philippians 4:4,7*

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

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