

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

October 29, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND 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 1:1-3,6a *The Message Bible*, adapted

L: How well God must like you – you don't hang out at Sin Saloon, you don't slink along Dead-End Road, you don't go to Smart-Mouth College.

C: Instead we thrill to God's Word, we chew on Scripture day and night.

L: You're a tree replanted in Eden, bearing fresh fruit every month.

C: God charts the road we take.

All: For the guidance God gives us in life we give thanks!

Invocation

*Hymn #439 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Question(s) for Reflection

"Some people will never come to church, listen to a minister, or read their Bible. They're reading your life and watching how you live. Be the light God called you to be."

When has my life turned people away from a relationship with God?

When has my life been a light for someone else?

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

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

Matthew 22:34-40

Sermon

Is the Bible Important?

*Hymn

#316 "We Limit Not the Truth of God"

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

#321 "Bread Now the Bread of Life"

The Take Home

"The Bible shows the way to go to heaven, not the way the heavens go."
- Galileo Galilei

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 Wilcox-Browne, Joe DiCiccio, Ricky Brightman, Jeff & Susan Gilborn, and Michael Bennett** in your prayers.

Looking Ahead:

Next Sunday, **November 5**, we will lift up in worship those who have died in the past year, as well as other beloved saints in our lives, whose presence is missed. Please bring photos to place on the table.

Sunday, **November 12**, there will be a Leadership Team meeting following worship. We will be working on a proposed 2024 budget.

Tuesday, **November 14**, at 7:00 PM all are invited to a discussion about a modern telling of the biblical Christmas story. The story is available in the church office.

Saturday, **November 18**, is our annual Holiday Bazaar. It runs from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Help is needed for the Bazaar setup on Friday, **November 17**, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. Help, of course, is needed for the day of the Bazaar, and especially for the Bazaar clean-up in order to get ready for our very special Thanksgiving Sunday worship service the next day.

Sunday, **November 19**, will be a special worship service celebrating Cay Wilcox-Browne's 100th birthday.

A child came home from Sunday School and told their parent they knew what the Bible meant: **Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.**

God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.

- Martin Luther

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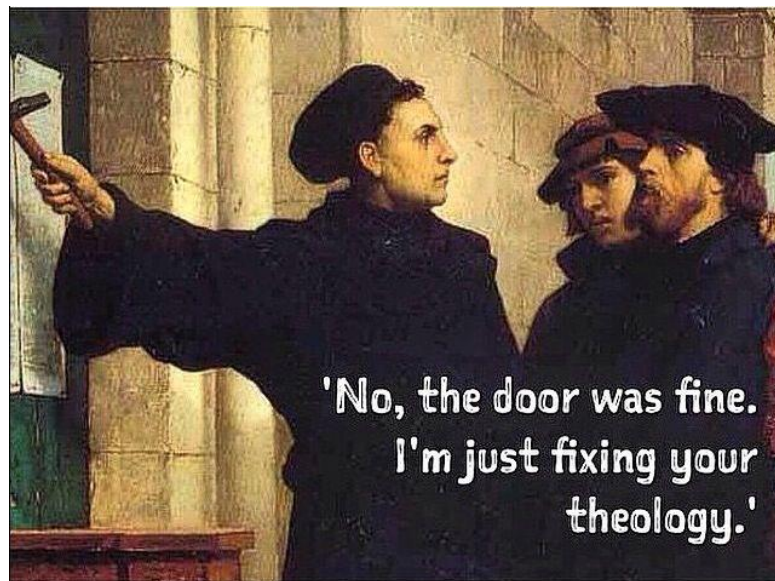
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The Reformation and The Bible



The Continuing Testament

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

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