

EDGEWOOD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Cranston, RI

10:00 AM

June 30, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome! We invite you into a time of preparation for worship. We invite you to unplug; to 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 30:4,5,12b, adapted

L: Sing praises to the Lord, O you God's faithful ones.

C: We give thanks to God's holy name.

L: For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.

C: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

All: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Invocation

***Hymn** #553 "There Is a Balm in Gilead"

Question(s) for Reflection

"My philosophy is: Life is hard, but God is good. Try not to confuse the two." - Anne F. Beiler

When has life's hardness kept me from seeing God's goodness?

When have my doubts kept me from trusting in 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 Mark 5:21-43

Sermon God Is Good!?

***Hymn** #555 "Here, Savior, in this Quiet Place"

Joys and Concerns / Centering Prayer / Intercessory Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

Our Creator, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom 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 kingdom, 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** #547 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

The Take Home

"I find joy in every day, not because life is good, but because God is."

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 Megan Scarborough for serving as lay reader this morning.

Please keep **Bobby, David Cruickshank, Joe DiCiccio, Jeff & Susan Gilborn, Janet Lawton, Lori, and Paul Sterrett** in your prayers.

Look back and thank God. Look forward and trust God.

God does not give us everything we want, but God does fulfill God's promises, leading us along the best and straightest path to Godself.

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right.

- Abraham Lincoln

Faith isn't about asking God to stop the storm. Faith is about trusting God to help you through the storm. Just believe.

Faith isn't absence of doubt. It's belief without proof, not without question.

- Rosemary Clemet-Moore

Doubt is a pain too lonely to know that faith is his twin brother.

- Kahlil Gibran

Doubt is not the opposite of faith; it is one element of faith.

- Paul Tillich

There lies more faith in honest doubt, believe me, than in half the creeds.

- Lord Alfred Tennyson

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