



Thomas A. Edison
Congregational Church

June 9, 2024



Order of Worship

Second Sunday of the Growing Season

** You are invited to stand
(Please remember to silence your cell phone during the service.)

When the prelude begins, let us quiet our hearts and conversation.

Church Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Musical Moment

By: Eugenie Rochelle

Call to Worship (responsively)

One: God watched over us as we slept last night.

All: God was there when we awakened this morning.

One: God is in this place, among us now.

All: God is in the singing, the silence, the sermon, and the prayers.

One: Let us worship God!

Hymn #4

**Come , Thou Almighty King
(Verses 1,2 and 4)**

Passing of the Peace

May the Pease of Christ be with you!

And, also with you!

You Alone

By: Penance and Reconciliation

*You alone are holy, you alone are Lord.
You alone are worthy to be honored and adored.
Mercy you have given, kindness you have shown.
Love is you alone.*

*Who of us is sinless in this place?
Who of us deserves your saving grace?
Who of us is good at all without your blessed love
that falls upon our hearts to heal our brokenness.*

*You alone are holy, you alone are Lord.
You alone are worthy to be honored and adored.
Mercy you have given, kindness you have shown.
Love is you alone.*

*What is there to do but thank you, then,
for the gift that we might call you friend?
Greater love has not been known than that for which you gave
Your only son, that you might see us, pure and blessed*

*You alone are holy, you alone are Lord.
You alone are worthy to be honored and adored.
Mercy you have given, kindness you have shown.
Love is you alone.*

Prayer of Discipleship

One: God of Goodness, we come into Your presence so aware of our human frailty and yet overwhelmed by Your love for each of us. We thank You that there is no human experience that we might walk through where Your love cannot reach us.

All: **If we climb the highest mountain, You are there and yet if we find ourselves in the darkest valley of life, You are the**

there.

One: Teach us today to love You more.

All: Help us to rest in that love that asks nothing more than the simple trusting heart of a child. Amen.

— slightly adapted from a prayer found @ <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/gods-love>

Prayers for the people

Our Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Song of Prayer Response

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Words and Music: Ken Medema

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

Scripture

1 Samuel 8:4-20

⁴ So all the Israelite elders got together and went to Samuel at Ramah. ⁵ They said to him, "Listen. You are old now, and your sons don't follow in your

footsteps. So, appoint us a king to judge us like all the other nations have.”⁶ It seemed very bad to Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us,” so he prayed to the LORD.

⁷ The LORD answered Samuel, “Comply with the people’s request—everything they ask of you—because they haven’t rejected you. No, they’ve rejected Me as king over them. ⁸ They are doing to you only what they’ve been doing to Me from the day I brought them out of Egypt to this very minute, abandoning Me and worshipping other gods. ⁹ So comply with their request, but give them a clear warning, telling them how the king will rule over them.”

¹⁰ Then Samuel explained everything the LORD had said to the people who were asking for a king. ¹¹ “This is how the king will rule over you,” Samuel said:

“He will take your sons and will use them for his chariots and his cavalry and as runners for his chariot. ¹² He will use them as his commanders of troops of one thousand and troops of fifty, or to do his plowing and his harvesting, or to make his weapons or parts for his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, or bakers. ¹⁴ He will take your best fields, vineyards, and olive groves and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will give one-tenth of your grain and your vineyards to his officials and servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male and female servants, along with the best of your cattle and donkeys, and make them do his work. ¹⁷ He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and then you yourselves will become his slaves! ¹⁸ When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you chose for yourselves, but on that day the LORD won’t answer you.”

¹⁹ But the people refused to listen to Samuel and said, “No! There must be a king over us ²⁰ so we can be like all the other nations. Our king will judge us and lead us and fight our battles.”

1 Samuel 11:14-15

¹⁴ “Let’s go to Gilgal,” Samuel told the people, “And renew the monarchy there.” ¹⁵ So everyone went to Gilgal, and there at Gilgal they made Saul king in

the LORD's presence. They offered well-being sacrifices in the LORD's presence, and Saul and all the Israelites held a great celebration there.

~Common English Bible

Response to the Sharing of God's Story

The Story of God for the People of God!
Thanks Be to God!

Hymn #461

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
(All 3 verses)

Pastoral Words

Invitation to the Offering

*What we give and the spirit with which we give it, enables this church
to make a difference in the lives of all whom we touch.*

Offertory

Emi Shannon, Soprano

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

By: Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

*The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes*

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

*You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find*

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name (Bless You Lord)*

*And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Forevermore)*

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name*

*Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Yes I'll worship Your Holy name
I'll worship Your Holy name*

*Sing like never before, Oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name
Jesus I will worship Your Holy name
Worship Your Holy name*

**** Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Tune: Thomas Ken, 1709

Life of Our Church

Quilting at Noon

Faith Development

**THURSDAYS ONLINE ONLY
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE**

Bible Stories for Grown-Ups

Reading Scripture with New Eyes

Pastor Josh Scott looks at familiar Bible stories and reveals new details and interpretations for an adult audience. This Bible study will consider stories many read as children including Noah's Ark, the binding of Isaac, Jonah and the big fish, Jesus and Zacchaeus. Scott reimagines these stories and opens new visions for readers to understand well known pieces of Scripture in our current cultural environment.

JOIN US ONLINE ON THURSDAY MORNINGS @ 11 AM

READING: Genesis 20, 21, 22, 23

The sign-up sheet is back on the bulletin board if anyone wants to bring flowers for Sunday Service. Thank you.

We are looking for Volunteers for Greeters and for Ushers. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board, or you can go to the website “Signup Genius” if interested.

**For next week’s God’s word:
David is Selected by God as
King
1 Samuel 15:34, 16:13**

**The office will be closed for 2 days in July.
July 1st and July 4th.**

Benediction (responsively)

Our worship has ended, but now our life of service begins!
Go from this space, for you and I are the body of Christ, and all of creation awaits us. So, live passionately, and love faithfully, and celebrate every moment of your life from now until the Finale. Our God of relentless, amazing, creative, and hopeful grace goes with us! Amen. **Amen.**

~ Adapted from The Rev. Michael S. Piazza

Postlude

Encore Toccata

By: Craig A. Penfield

Time with our Children

1 Samuel

Pull a penny and a nickel out of your pocket and ask the children which has the most value. Repeat with a nickel and dime, then a dime and a quarter. Hold up

the quarter and ask which has the most value, 25 cents or 25 minutes playing with toys? Discuss the answers. What would they do with the quarter? Is 25 cents more or less valuable than watching 25 minutes of TV? They might come to the conclusion that there are some things that are more valuable than money. The companion truth is that there are some things that money can't buy. What do we have that money can't buy? What do you have that's more valuable than money? What do you have that you wouldn't trade for all the money in the world? Things that money can't buy or are more valuable than money include love, respect, time, health, parents, friendship, joy. How rich do you consider yourself?

**For the month of June:
Collecting things for men who are
house challenged**

Tube Socks

Deodorant

Chap Stick

Body Wipes

Bandanas for men

Moist Wipes

Comb

PRAYER LIST

Our Church Members:

Kate Baumann; Liz Lloyd; Barry Pierce;
Sharlene Dozier; Barbara Buch; Bill Persons;
Joe Helling; Greg Haston; Ian Laughlin; Duane Gardner;
Nancy Bergman and family after the passing of John.

Friends & Family:

Pat Tanguzzo (Friend of the Church and Quilter);
Betty Denson; Jim Martin (Teri Martin's husband); Martha Calvert, (Friend of Ian Laughlin); Jeffrey Lloyd (Son of Liz Lloyd); John Schmidt (Gail Courtwright's brother); Carmella Colitti (great niece of Rosemary Priore); Shannon Randall (daughter of co-worker of Pastor Anton); Jim Marc-Aurele (Lou & Carol's son); Darlene Gonzalez (Flo Newbrough's sister); Bob and Darlene Kulesza (Bob is Carol Marc-Aurele's brother); Rhonda and Hunter (friends of Martha Long); Howard Youngquist (brother of Malcolm Youngquist); Clay (homeless gentleman); Elvis, Pamela, Franciso & other son (homeless family); Roy Waldhauer (friend of Sandy Cole); Stephen (homeless gentleman); Lori and Pops (homeless couple); Mitch (homeless gentleman); Carl Richard Gilmore (friend of Sandy Cole); Matt, Bradley, Gregory and Scott (homeless men); Norma Stott ((friend of Sandy Cole).

***No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you're welcome here at Edison Congregational Church.
Welcome home!***

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Our Church Staff

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*Your gifts are deeply appreciated and enable this ministry to continue. Our church retains the
right to redirect donations to the area of greatest need.*

