



Thomas A. Edison
Congregational Church

JUNE 19, 2022



Order of Worship

2nd 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

Nimrod

By: Edward Elgar

Call To Worship (Responsively)

One: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

All: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

One: You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

All: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

One: You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

All: In you we believe. In your presence we gather for worship today.

-Slightly adapted from United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in the form of a doxology. http://www.ucc.org/beliefs_statement-of-faith#DOX

Opening Hymn of Faith #392

How Firm a Foundation

Passing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you!
And, also with you!

Prayer of Discipleship (Responsively)

One: Thank you for calling us into your church

All: To accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others.

One: Remind each of us that you call us

All: To proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join Christ in his passion and victory.

One: God remind us during this time of worship together that You promise to all who trust you

All: Forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

One: And, so God as we gather today in worship and as we seek your presence in the daily minutes of real life —

All: Bless our time together —

May we bring honor to your Kingdom —

May we understand where the origin and destination of glory resides and may your unexplainable resurrection-al power be with us all.

One: Amen.

All: Amen.

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Prayers of the People and Concerns of the Hearts

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.**

Prayer Response

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

By 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 pow'r, send us grace.***

Scripture for the Day

Luke 15: 11 - 24

¹¹ And he said, A certain man had two sons: ¹² and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of *thy* substance that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. ¹³ And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country; and there he wasted his substance with riotous living. ¹⁴ And when he had

spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that country; and he began to be in want. ¹⁵ And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. ¹⁶ And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.

¹⁷ But when he came to himself, he said, How, many hired servants of my father's, have bread enough and to spare, and I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: ¹⁹ I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

²⁰ And he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son. ²² But the father said to his servants, Bring, forth quickly the **best robe**, and put it on him; and put a **ring** on his hand, and **shoes** on his feet: ²³ and bring the fatted calf, *and* kill it, and let us eat, and make merry: ²⁴ for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

■ American Standard Version

Pastoral Words

Pastor Anton



Hymn of Faith #40

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling

Call To Give

Offertory

Prelude

By: William Harris

**** Doxology**

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Doxology: Thomas Ken, 1674

Music: Old Hundredth attr. to Louis Bourgeois, pub.1551

Life of Our Church

Quilting on Wednesday at 12:00 pm.

Mid-Week Prayers and Coffee with the Pastors

11:00 AM, Wednesday (Prayers from 7 different Religious Groups)

A special Thank you to Robert Fredrick, Organist, for filling in while Tony and Phyllis Contino are away.

School Supplies for Edison Park School

We would like to start collecting school supplies for the Edison Park School. We will start now and finish on August 1, 2022 so we can get the items to the school before the school starts. The items that the school requested are:

Pre-sharpened Pencils -- Square Boxes of Tissues -- Post it Notes of any kind -- Spiral notebooks of any kind -- Box of 24 Crayola Crayons

Benediction (responsively)

May I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish enough “Hello’s” to get you through the final “Goodbye.”

Amen. **Amen.**

— (Source unknown, but published on Uniting Network Australia)

Postlude

Foundation

Arr. Carolyn Hamlin

**The difference between
MERCY and GRACE?
MERCY gave the Prodigal
Son a SECOND CHANCE.
GRACE gave him A FEAST.**

- Max Lucado

Time With Today's Scripture and Our Children

God's Amazing Love

Luke 15:1-3, 11b – 32

By Dr. Carol J Miller

One time Jesus told a story about a Father and his son. The son was a grown-up son—a man. One day the son asked his father to give him a lot of money—half of all the money the father had! Well, instead of getting mad at his selfish son, the father gave him the money! The son then left his father and went to another country.

Can you guess what he did with the money? [respect all answers] He wasted every penny. He had big parties and he bought fancy stuff. Pretty soon the son had spent all of the money. His expensive things were broken and he had nothing. He got a job feeding pigs, but he didn't even make enough money to afford pig food to eat.

One day he sat down in the pig sty and said, "I've been a fool. My Father gave me everything; he loved me, and I just walked out and haven't lived the way he taught me to live. I'm going to go home and tell him I'm sorry. Maybe he'll give me a better job than feeding pigs." So, the son got up and started for home. All the way he kept thinking about what he'd say. He was afraid his father might throw him out and tell him not to come back. The son was very worried.

But as the son came down the path toward his father's house, guess what happened! Does anyone know? Well, let me tell you, the son saw his father running down the path with his arms open wide to welcome him home. The son started to say the words he had been practicing—his big apology. But the father was not interested. He was so happy that his lost son was found that he threw a big party and gave his son new clothes and a special ring.

I'll tell you a secret. The father in Jesus' story is God. The son is all those people who do not pay attention to God and do not live the way God taught them. How does God feel about them when they come back to him? God throws a party —because even when we mess up, God loves us and just wants us back. Now I think that's a great thing to know, don't you?

Let's all shout, ***Hallelujah.***

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PRAYER LIST

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Ruth Mackechnie (Extended Family of Caroleah Mackechnie);
Larry Zeigler (Lana's Husband); Bernice (Friend of Bill Persons);
Leon & Wes (friends of Patty Newcomer) & Joan (Patty's Mother);
Lisa and Brian (Bill Person's daughter and son-in-law)





We had a Grand Total of 257 stuffed animals. Half, of the stuffed animals were delivered to Lutheran Services of Florida. The other half will be delivered to Mision Peniel in Immokalee, Fl.

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

Pastor Jim can be reached at the office or on his cell phone
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Our Church Staff

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