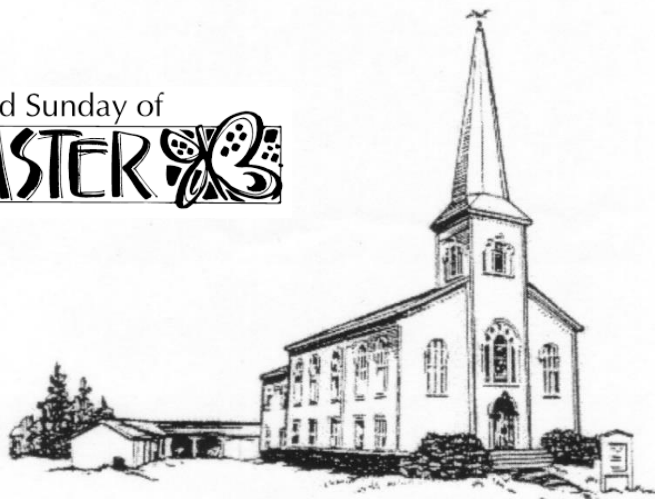


# Welcome to Worship

**W**e believe that all people are blessed and loved equally by God. Following the teachings of Jesus we heartily welcome everyone into God's covenantal community. Whatever your race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic or marital status, variety of thoughts and beliefs, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression - whoever you are and wherever you come from you are welcome into the full life and ministry of our church.



## **Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**

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**Order of Morning Worship**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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*We gather in worship this morning with joy and reverence in our hearts and a sincere welcome to all. Please remember that some will greet neighbors while others come quietly to prayerfully seek God.*



The service is also being livestreamed to be watched online by those unable to join us in person.

### WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

**Dale:** It is God who draws us here.

**All:** **A yearning to praise**

**Racquel:** That which is bigger than us.

**All:** **A desire to give thanks**

Dale: For the bountiful gifts of life.  
**All: It is God who draws us here**  
Racquel: For comfort in a bruising world,  
**All: To challenge our half-hearted efforts.**  
Dale: It is God who draws us here  
**All: To sing and pray, to experience the risen Christ.**

\*HYMN NCH # 207

*Just As I Am*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*GLORIA

**Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

\*HYMN NCH # 519

*Not My Brother, nor My Sister*

*Children and teachers may depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.*

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 3:1-10

(New Testament p. 240)

REFLECTION

*Is he really going to talk about sin?*

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Welcome*

Miller

\*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

\*PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION

OUR COMMUNITY GOES OUT TO SERVE GOD

\*HYMN NCH # 547 verses 1-4

*Amazing Grace*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Verse 5*

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

POSTLUDE

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*

*Please freely change the wording of any part of this service to more inclusive language.  
Our purpose is to worship God in wholeness.*

About our hymns: Those designated "PH" are from the *Pilgrim Hymnal* (blue);  
those designated "NCH" are from *The New Century Hymnal* (black).

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Ushers.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

Both arrangements have been given  
in loving memory of Herbert Wuth by his daughter, Barbara.



Greeter: Barbara Lee

Ushers: Tom Strolla, Helen MacDonald, Jay Buckley, Phyllis Buckley

Worship Tech Support: Tom Colby

TO OUR VISITORS: We especially welcome those who are visiting with us today. We are pleased to have you among us and invite you to fill out a Visitor Response Card found in the pew rack. Welcome Folders are available for pick up from the racks in the stairwells. We hope that you will come back and worship with us again.

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Associate Minister:	The Rev. Racquel Ray
Faith Formation Director:	Andrea Terni Bullard
Music Director:	Matthew Marion
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