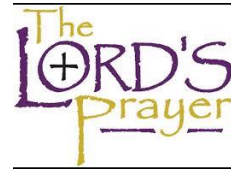


Welcome to Worship

We 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.

CREATION CARE SUNDAY



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21st, 2024

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

The service is 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 ¹ (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: Our Parent, who is among us,

All: blessed be your Creation.

Racquel: May your reign be a reality here on earth.

All: May we become more interested in building your kin-dom here and now than in waiting for it to come down from above.

Racquel: Let us share our bread with those who hunger.

All: Let us learn to forgive as well as to receive forgiveness.

Racquel: Help us through the time of temptation, delivering us from all evil.

**All: For ours are the eternal blessings that you pour upon the earth.
Amen.**

*HYMN NCH # 28

For the Beauty of the Earth

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION ² 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

PRAYER The Lord's Prayer from the original Aramaic Rev. Racquel Ray

*HYMN NCH # 563

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER ³

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 6:9-13

(New Testament p. 6)

Prayer of Jesus ⁴ used in Youth Group evening prayer

REFLECTION

Creating a Lord's Prayer as a Congregation

Rev. Racquel Ray and Andrea Bullard

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Look at the World

Rutter

Soloist: Violet Milliken

*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 # 556

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Go In Love*

**Go in love, have no fear. God will guide you, God is always near.
Go in love, take God's hand, God will hear you and will understand.
May God's light forever shine upon you, may full peace be always in your heart.
Go in love, face each day, God will lead you and will show the way.
Go in love and live in faith.**

Immediately after the Benediction Response there will be an **informational meeting about the recommendation to sell the Nathaniel Road parsonage**. All in the congregation are invited to attend. You'll learn what factors led the team to recommend the sale of the property and have the opportunity to ask questions. Child care is provided.

Credits for the different versions of The Lord's Prayer:

¹ J. Manny Santiago ³ The New Zealand Prayer Book
² Parker Palmer ⁴ Author Unknown

*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 by John and Liz White:

One is given in loving memory of John's parents, John and Happy White,
and Liz's father, Clark Stair.

The other is given in loving memory of their dear son, John Hazen White III.



Greeters: Liz Rosenholm

Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Steve Fodor, Audrey Rogers, Helen MacDonald

Worship Tech Support: Seth Forman

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 Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard
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