



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

April 27th, 2025

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.

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Great is Thy Faithfulness* Pat Stoddard (bells)
Christine Wallis (piano)

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN NCH #382 *Come, We Who Love God's Name*

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER Amy Barkat

*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 Rev. Dale Azevedo

*HYMN NCH #173 *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 3:1-11 (New Testament p. 167)

REFLECTION *Paul Planted, Apollos Watered* Rev. Dale Azevedo

SOLO *An Irish Blessing* Amanda Colby
(Arr. Carsten Gerlitz)

RITUAL OF PARTING

GREETING Laura Ward, Chair of the Governing Board

ENDING AN AUTHORIZED MINISTRY

RECOGNITION OF THE END

Laura: On June 19, 2016, Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ called Dale Azevedo to serve as Senior Minister.

Dale: I thank Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last nine years.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

I am humbled and grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I learned here, what you have taught me and shared with me. I am forever grateful.

People: **We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to enter retirement and ministry unfolding in new ways. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure**

Dale: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

***VOWS OF RELEASE**

Pat Stoddard, Chair of the Deacons

Pat: Do you, the members and friends of Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ release Dale from the duties of Senior Minister?

People: **We do, with the help of God.**

Pat: Do you offer your encouragement for his new adventures in life as a retired person and his search to find new ways of expressing his ministry?

People: **We do, with the help of God.**

Pat: Do you, Dale, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

Dale: I do, with the help of God.

Pat: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Dale: I do, with the help of God and with excitement in my heart about what lies ahead for this church community.

WITNESS OF THE RHODE ISLAND CONFERENCE, UCC

RI Assoc. Rep.

RI Assoc. Rep: On behalf of the Rhode Island Conference and the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our conference hold you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transition signified in this service.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER

Tom Strolla, former Moderator

Tom: Let us pray.

All: **O God, we give thanks for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with Dale in worship, in learning, in music, in service. The times we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions. We pray that Dale and Elizabeth will be aware**

of your Spirit's guidance as they move to a new, unknown, but exciting place, in the name of Jesus the Savior. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Order My Steps

Schrader

*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 #598

On River Jordan's Banks I Stand

*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.**

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand*

Immediately following today's service, we invite you to join us in Fellowship Hall for lunch, music and mingling to celebrate Dale & Elizabeth. After lunch we will have a tree planting and dedication ceremony in honor of Rev. Dale and his ministry with BCCUCC.

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

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement has been given by Ana and Adam Grenier in loving memory of John and Thelma Grenier.

The second arrangement has been given by Susan Ratblat-Walker in celebration of the April 30th birthday of a wonderful friend, Marsha Peters.

Greeter: Liz Wiedenhofer

Ushers: Audrey Rogers, Barbara Lee, Phyllis Buckley & Cheryl Muth

Worship Tech Support: Tom Colby

Ministers to the World:	All the Congregation
Senior Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo
Associate Minister:	The Rev. Racquel Ray
Director of Faith Formation:	Andrea Terni
Music Director:	Matthew Marion
Office Administrator:	Sara Bagwell
Financial Secretary:	Patricia Stoddard
Custodians:	Frank Lee & Barbara Lee

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