

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.



Gift of
Love

Royalties for Negro Spirituals Offering



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

5th Sunday of Easter

April 28th, 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 (*responsively, please*)

Dale: All you who would be friends, all you who would be neighbors ...

People: Let us all learn from the example of Jesus.

Racquel: The care and concern of Jesus for others ...

People: Were founded on the love of God, the God we come here to worship today.

Dale: Let us join now through love and devotion and in word and song.

People: Let us praise our Lord God, let us worship God in spirit and truth, and let us give to God our joy and our lives.

*HYMN

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

1. **He's got the whole world in his hands...**
2. **He's got the wind and the rain in his hands...**
3. **He's got the little tiny baby in his hands...**
4. **He's got everybody here in his hands...**

*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

Rev. Racquel Ray

*HYMN (see insert)

The Gift of Love

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Royalties for Negro Spirituals

Helen Schall

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:7-21

(New Testament p. 241)

REFLECTION

The Gift of Love

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

As You Serve, Remember Me

Joel Raney

*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 # 454 verses 1-3

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Verse 4

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, (in my heart), in my heart (in my heart),
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Immediately after the Benediction Response we will begin the **Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the recommendation to sell the Nathaniel Road parsonage**. We recognize some will need to leave but encourage all church members who can to please stay for this important meeting and vote. We need to have a quorum. Child care is provided – Andrea will keep the children in the Education building until their parent/guardian picks them up after the meeting ends.

*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 hymn from the hymnal is designated "NCH" and is from *The New Century Hymnal* (black).

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



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement has been given by Ana and Adam Grenier in celebration of Ana's mom, Atanasia Muñoz, who will be 80 on May 2nd.

The other arrangement has been given by Susan and Howard Rotblat-Walker to lift up the people of Gaza who face a difficult and uncertain future.



Greeters: Ashley and Clayton Ray

Ushers: Tom Strolla, Liz Wiedenhofer, 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.

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation Office Administrator: Christine Wallis
Senior Minister: The Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo Music Director: Matthew Marion
Associate Minister: The Rev. Racquel Ray Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard
Dir. Faith Formation: Andrea Terni Bullard Custodians: Jay Buckley, Frank & Barbara Lee

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