

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.



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

2nd Sunday of Easter

April 7th, 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.



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



WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dale Azevedo

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Leader: We gather to remember the ancient stories of revelation.

People: We read from our ancient texts.

Leader: We gather to interpret the meaning these stories reveal in our lives.

People: We hear from our traditions.

Leader: We gather to share the revelation of the risen Christ.

People: We experience in ritual and sacrament.

Leader: We come to sing of these stories and of our faith.

People: We sing of our heart's faith.

Leader: In all these ways, the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN NCH # 556

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others and for ourselves is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust you, for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Spirit, for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others. Let your love renew us yet again. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us.

(silent prayer)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen. Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The cups contain grape juice. All of the bread is gluten-free).

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

THE LORD'S PRAYER *debts/debtors (in unison)*

SHARING THE MEAL *(Please serve your neighbor each element. It is our custom to eat the bread individually, symbolizing our personal relationship with God and to drink the cup together, symbolizing the value of our faith community.)*

*HYMN NCH # 293

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

(Children and teachers may depart for classes during the singing of the hymn)

PRAYERS

Rev. Dale Azevedo and Pat Stoddard

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

(New Testament p.238)

1 John 1:1-2:2

HYMN SING

Sharing Our Songs and Our Stories

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

Nancy Arena

SPECIAL MUSIC

Trumpet Concerto in Eb Major, mov. 2

Haydn

Anthony Mazza, trumpet Matthew Marion, piano

*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. Amen.

*PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION

OUR COMMUNITY GOES OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN NCH # 173 verses 1-3

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Verse 4*

**You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning;
As loving Friend, you have come to call me.**

**O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you I will seek other seas.**

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*

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:

One arrangement has been given by Betty Vohr and Tom Gidley in loving memory of their
parents, Mary and Albert Rohloff, and Edwin and Dorothy Gidley.

The other arrangement has been given by Barbara and Frank Lee
in loving memory of Barbara's sister, Deborah.



Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Joe Judge, Helen MacDonald, Greg Voigt

Deacons: Jane Tonn, Nancy Arena, Fred Rocco, Carol Strakosch

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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