

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 1st Sunday after Christmas December 29th, 2024

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Dale: It is still Christmas.

All: Joy is still loose in the world,

Racquel: love is lodged in hearts,

All: and peace is still our fervent hope.

Dale: It is still Christmas.
All: Though the presents are all unwrapped,
Racquel: the batteries have run down;
All: and family members have returned home.
Dale: It is still Christmas.
All: For God begins anew,
Racquel: giving us a baby to care for,
**All: and calling us to live with tender compassion, gentle care and
overflowing love.**

*HYMN PH # 488

Go Tell it on the Mountain

*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

**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

*HYMN NCH # 17

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 148

(Old Testament p. 582)

REFLECTION

The Greatest Gifts of All

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Matthew Marion

*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

*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.*

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

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



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement is given by Will Buckley in loving memory of his grandmother,
Claire Buckley.

The other arrangement is given by Liz Rosenholm with enormous amounts of love
for the entire body of BCCUCC.



Ushers: Jay and Phyllis Buckley

Worship Tech Support: Laurie Dubel

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: Sara Bagwell
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