

## 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.

### LAITY SUNDAY



Love  Kindness

### **Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**

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**Order of Morning Worship    Last Sunday after Epiphany    February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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*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

Pat Stoddard

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Fred Rocco

Fred: We have gathered here today to rejoice in the power and majesty of love and kindness,

**People: To bear witness to God's love for all people and all creatures,**

Fred: To be overcome with awe and wonder at the transformative nature of God's love,

**People:** To recognize the impact that acts of love and kindness render to the young and the young at heart,  
**Fred:** To understand how desperately the world needs to be motivated by love and not hate,  
**All:** To celebrate our collective engagement in promoting acts of love and kindness.

\*HYMN NCH # 327

*Jesus Loves Me*

\*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

Carol Strakosch

\*HYMN NCH # 393

*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

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

PRAYERS

Pat Stoddard and Lory McCoy

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

Liz Wiedenhofer

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
(New Testament p. 175)

Steve Fodor

REFLECTION

*Love and Kindness in Today's World*

Pat Stoddard

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

Nancy Arena

CHORAL ANTHEM

*More Love*

Miller

\*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 # 495

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

\*BENEDICTION

Jane Tonn

\*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.*

Today's hymns are designated "NCH" and 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 Audrey and David Rogers in gratitude for the blessings of their family and their church family.

The other arrangement has been given by Bethia Rosner in loving memory of her husband, Andy.



Greeters: Joanne Ela

Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Joe Judge, Helen MacDonald, Tom Strolla

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.

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  
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