

# Welcome to Worship

**W**e 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

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**Order of Morning Worship**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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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.



*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

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

**Dale:** We yearn to be in the presence of the Holy One,

**People:** **To linger in the house of prayer,**

**Racquel:** To walk beside still streams,

**People:** **To behold the radiance of creation,**

**Dale:** To sing as matches our joy,

**People:** **To offer our sacrifice of service,**

**Racquel:** To dwell all our days enfolded in the love of God,

**People:** **To praise God with our deeds and melodies.**

\*HYMN PH # 319

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Heavenly God, we confess that we often overcomplicate things when oftentimes the simple solution is the best. You taught us to love one another, but instead we set up barriers of inclusion and exclusion. You taught us to heal, but instead we created a convoluted medical system that not everyone can access or afford. You taught us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the poor, but instead we invented a welfare system that doesn't provide enough meaningful support to truly help those in need. You taught us to trust in God, but instead we developed investment strategies, pension plans, and 401k's.

God, help us to simplify our lives and our faith so that we can clearly see what is important and more faithfully answer your call. *(a time for 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!**

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 # 195

*On a Hill Far Away (The Old Rugged Cross)*

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

SCRIPTURE READING

(New Testament p.166)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

REFLECTION

*Nothing except Christ, and him crucified...*

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Come to the Table of the Lord*

arr. Althouse

\*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 # 52 vs. 1 & 2      *There Is a Name I Love to Hear (O How I Love Jesus)*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE      Verse 3

**It bids me serve amid the wrath God's people face each day,  
And sheds along life's troubled past bright sunshine on my way.  
O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, whose love has first found me.**

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 Bethia Rosner  
in loving memory of her husband, Andy.

The other arrangement has been given by the Voigt family  
in loving memory of Willard Voigt, Greg's father.



Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Steve Cipoletti, Audrey Rogers, Greg Voigt

Deacons: Nancy Arena, Jane Tonn, Carol Strakosch

Worship Tech Support: Tom Colby, Kim 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

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