

## 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**

**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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*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.



*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 WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

## EXTENDING THE HAND OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you...

**Response: And also with you...**

Let us greet one another extending the hand of Christian Peace.

*(All are invited to greet one another by shaking hands or waving, offering the peace of Christ.)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHORAL INTROIT

## CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively, please)*

Joe: Come and hear the good news: Blessed are the poor and the meek, the persecuted and the downtrodden.

**All: Rejoice and be glad, for God will exalt the humble.**

Racquel: Blessed are the refugees and the migrants, the homeless driven away by injustice and war.

**All: Rejoice and be glad, for God will give them a home.**

Joe: Blessed are the peacemakers, those that hunger and thirst for righteousness. Blessed are those who follow Jesus, who hear the Word and do it.

**All: Rejoice and be glad, for God blesses us when we are faithful. Ours is the kingdom of God.**

\*HYMN (see insert)

*Blest Are They*

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

**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 PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Racquel Ray

## \*HYMN NCH # 451

*Be Now My Vision*

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

## PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5:1-12

(New Testament, p. 4)

REFLECTION

*The Fortunate Ones*

Rev. Joe Zarro

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

*CHORAL ANTHEM*

*Immortal Love, Forever Full*

*Butler*

\*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 (see insert)

*Let There Be Peace on Earth*

\*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.*

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



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement is given anonymously in honor of  
Matthew Marion's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary at BCCUCC.

The second arrangement is given by Bethia Rosner in loving memory of  
her husband, Andy.



Greeter: Liz Wiedenhofer

Ushers: Tom Strolla & Cheryl Muth

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.
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Welcome Folders are available in the racks on the stairwells. We hope that you will come back and worship with us again soon!

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