

# 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.



## All Ages Worship

### Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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**Order of Morning Worship**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 14<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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Adam and Matilda Grenier

Matilda: God called to Moses from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!"

**All: And Moses said, "Here I am."**

Adam: God called to Samuel, "Samuel! Samuel!"

**All: And Samuel said "Speak, for your servant is listening."**

Matilda: Isaiah heard God say, "Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?"

**All: Isaiah answered, "I will go! Send me!"**

Adam: God said to Ezekiel, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you."

**All: The Spirit came into Ezekiel and he heard God speaking to him.**

Matilda: When God calls us, who will listen? Who will go?

**All: We will listen. We will go.**

\*HYMN (Rev. Dale will lead)

*Deep and Wide*

\*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

INTRODUCTION TO GOD'S EYES

\*HYMN NCH # 472

*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER from Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 & 1 Samuel 3 Rev. Racquel Ray

Racquel: O LORD, you have searched us and known us.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from far away.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: You search out our path and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: Even before a word is on our tongues, O LORD, you know it completely.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high that we cannot attain it.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: For it was you who formed our inward parts; you knit us together

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that we know very well.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: Our frames were not hidden from you, when we were being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: Your eyes beheld our unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for us, when none of them had yet existed.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: How weighty to us are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening**

Racquel: We try to count them -- they are more than the sand; We come to the end -- We are still with you.

**All: Speak, LORD, for we are listening.**

#### CHORAL RESPONSE

#### SCRIPTURE READING

Jibby Diakite and Kathy Sullivan

Psalm 139:1-10

Matthew 10:26a, 28-31

#### REFLECTION

*God's Eye is on the Sparrow*

Rev. Dale Azevedo

#### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### OFFERTORY

Jack Silva

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Give Me Jesus*

Schram

#### \*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 # 475

*God's Eye is on the Sparrow*

#### \*BENEDICTION

Ainsley Drury

#### \*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 Clyde and Mary Lou Slicker in memory of Mary Lou's parents J. Harold and Frances Van Ness, and her brother John H. Van Ness.

The other arrangement has been given by Bethia Rosner  
with best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.



Greeters: Ria Costa and Melinda Groff

Ushers: Tom Strolla, Greg Voigt, Steve Cipoletti, Audrey Rogers

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:	Christine Wallis
Senior Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo	Music Director:	Matthew Marion
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