

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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SUNDAY



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 15th, 2023

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 also being livestreamed to be watched online
by those unable to join us in person.



All of today's prayers, including our Call to Worship, are the words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We are honored to be able to share his prayers today acknowledging that any archaic language utilized is his original text that we chose not to alter.

WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively, please)

Leader: Most gracious and all wise God, before whose face the generations rise and fall;

People: Thou in whom we live, and move, and have our being.

Leader: We thank thee [for] all of thy good and gracious gifts,

People: for life and for health; for food and for raiment; for the beauties of nature and human nature.

Leader: We come before thee painfully aware of our inadequacies and shortcomings...

People: Break the spell of that which blinds our minds.

Leader: Purify our hearts that we may see thee.

People: O God in these turbulent days when fear and doubt are mounting high

Leader: give us broad visions, penetrating eyes, and power of endurance.

All: Help us to work with renewed vigor for a warless world, for a better distribution of wealth and for a brother/sisterhood that transcends race or color....Amen.

*HYMN NCH # 526 (sing 3 times – English, non-English, English)

We Are Marching in the Light of God

*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

Rev. Racquel Ray

*HYMN NCH # 423

Great Is Your Faithfulness

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 100

(Hebrew Scriptures p. 552)

REFLECTION

God is Good...All the Time?

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

Spiritual arr. Curry

*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 # 570 verses 1-4

We Shall Overcome

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Verse 6 of last hymn

We shall live in peace.....some day.

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: All 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 Pat Cordeiro in honor of family and friends.

The other arrangement has been given by Beth and William Buckley
in memory of grandparents' birthdays, Blanche and Max Daves.



Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Lory McCoy, Joe Judge, Helen MacDonald

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
Senior Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo
Associate Minister:	The Rev. Racquel Ray
Faith Formation Director:	Andrea Terni Bullard
Music Director:	Matthew Marion
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