

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.



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 21st, 2024

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.



WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: Come gather together here in the presence of Christ, who is our friend and healer.

All: We have entered here, and in our worship together, we yearn for hope and comfort.

Dale: Let us reach to the heart of Jesus, who is our life.

All: We encounter our Lord, who makes us whole.

Racquel: Here we are welcome and loved and cherished.

All: Here we are the people of God. Let us rejoice and give God praise.

*HYMN NCH # 473

Blessed Assurance

***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. Dale Azevedo

***HYMN NCH # 471**

What a Covenant

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

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

(Hebrew Scriptures p. 860)

REFLECTION

Get Up. And Go

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Keep on Singin'

arr. Hart

***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 # 32**

God of the Sparrow God of the Whale

***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.*

*Please freely change the wording of any part of this service to more inclusive language.
Our purpose is to worship God in wholeness.*

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 Betty Vohr and Tom Gidley
in memory of their much loved and missed son Matthew Vohr.

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



Greeters: Elizabeth Azevedo

Ushers: Steve Fodor, Marion Fodor, Helen MacDonald, Liz Wiedenhofer

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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