

# 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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

January 29<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. 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: Winds blow, rains fall, storms rage,

**People: God is our strength and sanctuary.**

Dale: Floods rise, waves batter, wars ravage,

**People: God is our strength and sanctuary.**

Racquel: Violence threatens, hunger abounds, diseases flourish,

**People: God is our strength and sanctuary.**

**All: We are safe here in this Spirit place, for God's sustaining and  
nourishing Spirit surrounds and affirms us.**

\*HYMN PH # 15

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

\*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 # 28

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

*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

Psalm 15

(Hebrew Scriptures p. 495)

REFLECTION

*New Year's Resolutions check-in*

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Draw Me Nearer*

Schrader

\*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 # 23

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

\*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.**

Immediately after the Benediction Response we will begin the **Annual Budget Meeting**.  
Child care is provided. We recognize some will need to leave but invite all who can to  
please stay for this important meeting - and also so that we have a quorum.

*\*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:

The two arrangements have been given by Barbara and Dick McWhirter  
in celebration of their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

The additional arrangement has been given by Francis and Susan Seader  
in memory of his father, Edward Seader, Jr.



Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Helen MacDonald, 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.

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