

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.



ROYALTIES FOR NEGRO SPIRITUALS
OFFERING

Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

January 18th, 2026

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*)

One: In Montgomery, it took 381 days of boycott and protest before a Supreme Court decision ended segregated busing. Black churches helped organize and keep the faith while people walked, biked and took taxis instead of the bus. Sometimes justice takes time and perseverance.

All: God, grant us patience and perseverance.

One: In the 1963 Birmingham Campaign, the 16th Street Baptist Church served as headquarters and Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote his famous letter from the Birmingham Jail, asking fellow clergy to join in the struggle for freedom.

All: God, may our churches still be a refuge for justice and peacemaking.

One: The 1965 Selma march to Montgomery was turned back twice by state violence and vigilante murder. The third march, under federal protection, made it to Montgomery to lodge their complaint at the state capital. Later that year, the historic 1965 Voting Rights Act was signed into law.

All: God, give us the courage to confront persecution and march on till our victory is won.

*HYMN NCH # 593

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*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. Joe Zarro

*HYMN NCH # 553

There Is a Balm in Gilead

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Royalties for Negro Spirituals

Helen Schall

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:2

(New Testament, p. 162)

REFLECTION

The Epistle of Birmingham

Rev. Joe Zarro

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

arr. 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

*HYMN NCH # 161

Amen, Amen

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Chorus of Amen, Amen*

Amen, amen, amen, amen!

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

The second arrangement is given
by Beth Buckley in loving memory of her
parents, Blanche and Max Daves, who were
both born in January.

ALL-AGES WORSHIP



Greeter: Nancy Arena

Ushers: Steve Fodor & Marion Fodor

Worship Tech Support: Tom 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.

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