

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14th, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.

People: The hope in our lives is Jesus.

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People: The call we must answer is God's.

Racquel: There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.

People: The Lord of our lives is Jesus.

Racquel: There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother, one parent of all.

People: The Creator who calls us is God.

Racquel: We are one body, one family, one church,

People: woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.

Racquel: With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,

All: we are one body in unity and love.

*HYMN NCH # 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*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

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Gabrielle Sclafani

ORDER OF BAPTISM

Emrys Will Lippe



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Parents: Kevin Lippe Jr and Abigail Lippe

Godparents: Julia Canto, Danielle McKenzie, Tyler Tait

INVITATION

PROMISES TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Minister: A covenant is integral to relationships with God, so today we state the responsibilities of parents and community to God and child. Abby and Kevin, I ask you now to affirm your covenant with God and Emrys.

To the Parents: Do you promise, to the best of your ability and with God helping you, that you will love Emrys and give to him all that you can so that he will grow to the fullness of life that God intends?

Parents: We do.

To the Parents: Do you also promise, with God's blessing and guidance, that you will lead this child in the Christian way? Through your teaching and your life example will you help him to know that God loves him completely?

Parents: We do.

To the Godparents: You have been invited into a very special relationship with this child and his family. Do you promise to do your very best in caring for them all, providing active support and guidance, that through your love they will feel God's love alive in their hearts?

Godparents: We promise, with God's guidance.

To the Congregation: I ask you as God's people, what will your part be in helping this child to discover the grace of God within him?

Congregation: We say to you, Abby and Kevin, that Emrys has with us here a community that is filled with love for him, our homes are his home, our resources his resources. Our faith will be taught to him. We pray that we might fulfill our vows to him and to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Minister pours the water into the font and the Deacon adds water from the Jordan River.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Minister: Abby and Kevin, what name have you given this child?

Parents: Emrys Will

Minister: Emrys Will, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Parent of us all. Amen.

The Minister, family, godparents, and Deacon lay hands on the child.

Minister: Emrys Will, may the Holy Spirit work within you that being born in the Spirit you may become a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESENTATION AND WELCOME

The Minister walks the child out into the congregation sharing words of faith.

Congregation: Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessings on Emrys, that you will watch over him and guide him as he grows in faith. Remind us of your promises of our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Minister and deacon present the family with the Baptismal Certificate and rose and offer the right hand of fellowship.

*HYMN NCH # 293

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

SCRIPTURE READING

REFLECTION

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

MUSICAL OFFERING

*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 # 436

God of Grace and God of Glory

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God Be With You

**God be with you till we meet again; By good counsel guide, uphold you.
With a shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

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:

Both arrangements have been given by Leo Drury
in memory of his brother, Jason, who passed away in July 2017.



Greeter: Fred Rocco

Ushers: Jay and Phyllis Buckley

Worship Tech Support: 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 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
Dir. Faith Formation: Andrea Terni Bullard Custodians: Jay Buckley, Frank & Barbara Lee

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