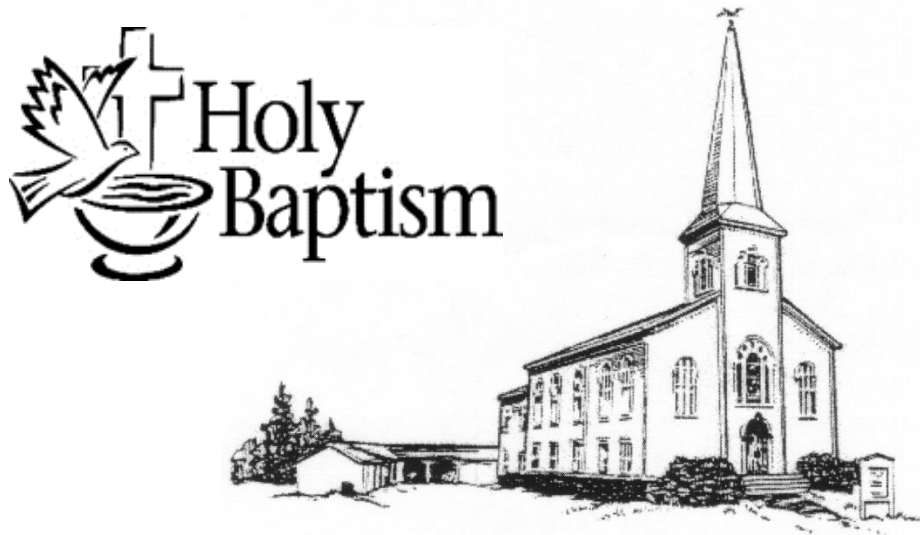


Welcome to Worship

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

Summer Worship

6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 20th, 2025

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

EXTENDING THE HAND OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be always 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.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively, please)*

One: With a heart as soft as a baby's skin,
All: **With wonder as holy as the depth of an infant's eyes,**
One: We come to worship.
All: **With joy as abundant as a toddler's giggle,**
One: With excitement as contagious as a child's first steps,
All: **We gather for worship.**
One: With hope as wondrous as a child's first words,
All: **With praise as awesome as a children's choir,**
One: We come to sing and pray.
All: **We gather to be blessed and encouraged.**

*HYMN NCH # 597

Shall We Gather at the River

*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 PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

ORDER OF BAPTISM

Leah James Yablonski



ORDER OF BAPTISM

Leah James Yablonski

Parents: Eric Yablonski & Kathleen Dwyer
Godparents: Caitlin Yablonski & Connor Dwyer

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 big sister and community to God and child. Eric and Kathleen and Ivy, I ask you now to affirm your covenant with God and Leah.

To the Parents: Do you promise, to the best of your ability and with God helping you, that you will love Leah and give to her all that you can so that she 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 Leah in the Christian way? Through your teaching and your life example will you help her to know that God loves her completely?

Parents: We do.

To the Godparents: You have been invited into a very special relationship with this child and her 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 her?

Congregation: We say to you, Eric, Kathleen, and Ivy, that Leah has with us here a community that is filled with love for her, our homes are her home, our resources her resources. Our faith will be taught to her. We pray that we might fulfill our vows to her and to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

THE WATERS OF BAPTISM

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

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Minister: Eric and Kathleen, by what name shall this child of God be known?

Parents: Leah James Yablonski

Minister: Leah James Yablonski, 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: Leah, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as God's own forever. 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 Leah, that you will watch over her and guide her as she 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 # 351

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 29:11 & James 1:17 Kathleen Mahoney Dwyer
(Old Testament. p. 731 & New Testament. p. 229)

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 PH # 140

What Child is This, Who, Laid to Rest

*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.*

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Ushers.

About our hymns: Those designated “PH” are from the *Pilgrim Hymnal* (blue);
those designated “NCH” are from *The New Century Hymnal* (black).



TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS:

Both arrangements have been given by Helen MacDonald, Kathy, Scott, John and Christine in
memory of Fred and Peggy MacDonald.



Greeters: The Kiley Family

Ushers: Audrey Rogers & Liz Wiedenhofer

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.

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation

Associate Minister: Rev. Racquel Ray

Office Administrator: Sara Bagwell

Dir. Faith Formation: Andrea Terni

Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard

Music Director: Matthew Marion

Custodians: Frank & Barbara Lee

Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

461 County Road, Barrington, Rhode Island 02806

Telephone: (401) 246-0111 Email: office@bccucc.org

Website: www.bccucc.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/bccucc

TO MAKE A DONATION: Offering envelopes are available for your use in the pew racks. To make a donation online use this QR code to access the donation page of our church’s website, then click on the Tithe.ly link and use the drop down box to designate where your donation is to go. Thank you for your financial support.

