

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

7th Sunday of Easter

June 1st, 2025

*We gather in worship this morning with joy and reverence in our hearts and a sincere welcome to all.
Remember some will greet neighbors while others come quietly to prayerfully seek God.*



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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively, please)*

One: In the presence of God...

All: Toes tap to some heavenly chorus,

One: Tears emerge from a hidden ache,

All: Silence descends like a gentle mist,

One: Joy ascends like a rocket in the sky.

All: God is here ...
One: Glad hearts are refreshed,
All: Sorrowing hearts find comfort,
One: Broken hearts discover healing
All: Searching hearts find home.
One: Here in the presence of God,
All: We are made whole and sing our joyful songs of praise.

*HYMN NCH # 73

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

God of all mercy, we confess before you and each other that we have been unfaithful to you. We lack love for our neighbors, we waste opportunities to do good, and we look the other way when you cry out to us in the suffering of our siblings in need. We are sincerely sorry for our sins, both those we commit deliberately and those that we allow to overtake us. We ask for your forgiveness and pray for strength that we may follow in your way and love all your people with perfect love which casts out all fear; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The cups contain grape juice. All the bread is gluten-free).

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

THE LORD'S PRAYER debts/debtors *(in unison)*

SHARING THE MEAL *(Please serve your neighbor each element. It is our custom to eat the bread individually, symbolizing our personal relationship with God and to drink the cup together, symbolizing the value of our faith community.)*

*HYMN NCH # 86

When Morning Gilds the Skies

(Children and teachers may depart for classes during the singing of the hymn)

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

(New Testament p. 118)

REFLECTION

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Come to the Table of the Lord

Albrecht/Althouse

*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. Amen.

*PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION

OUR COMMUNITY GOES OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN NCH # 596

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*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.



The service is being livestreamed to be watched online by those unable to join us in person.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement is given by Tom and Trinkie Brueckner to honor the memory of Archbishop of San Salvador, St. Oscar Romero, who worked to ease the suffering of the poor and oppressed, and was murdered for challenging the system that benefited the powerful elites of El Salvador.

The other arrangement is given by Tom and Trinkie Brueckner to honor the memory of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran pastor and a founder of the Confessing Church that resisted Adolph Hitler. He was murdered by the Nazis in 1945.



Greeter: Trinkie Brueckner

Ushers: Phyllis Buckley & Greg Voigt

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 to pick up from the racks in the stairwells. We hope that you will come back and worship with us again.

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