# 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.







ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

# **Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**

**Order of Morning Worship** 

Pentecost

June 8th, 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

#### **INTROIT**

## CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively, please)

Gabrielle: Bless the Fount of Wisdom, O my soul,

People: and all that is within me, bless her holy Name.

Racquel: Bless the Fount of Wisdom, O my soul,

People: and forget not all her benefits.

Gabrielle: She forgives all your sins, **People:** and heals all your infirmities.

Racquel: She redeems your life from the grave,

People: and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

Gabrielle: She satisfies you with good things,

People: and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
Racquel: She who is Wisdom executes righteousness,
All: and justice for all who are oppressed.

\*HYMN (See Insert)

The Canticle of the Turning

### 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

\*HYMN NCH # 263

O Spirit of the Living God

Rev. Racquel Ray

(Children and teachers may depart for Class on the Grass during the singing of the hymn)

MOMENT FOR MISSION Strengthen the Church Nancy Arena

#### **PRAYERS**

**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION** 

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

(New Testament, p. 119)

REFLECTION

Many Voices, One Word

Rev. Gabrielle Sclafani

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

**OFFERTORY** 

CHORAL ANTHEM My God Is So High

arr. Hogan

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ve heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

\*PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION

OUR COMMUNITY GOES OUT TO SERVE GOD

\*HYMN NCH # 267

Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Invitation to Congregational Meeting

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

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:

One arrangement is given by Erik and Joanne Ela in memory of their parents: Ruth and Dennis Reardon, and Mary and George Ela.

The other arrangement is given by Jane Tonn in loving memory of Douglas Tonn.

Greeters: Chris & Ellen Brady Ushers: Jay & Phyllis Buckley Worship Tech Support: Tom Colby

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able, please stand.

To Our Visitors: We 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 in the racks in the stairwells.

We hope that you will come back and worship with us again!

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