# 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	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	March 10 <sup>th</sup> , 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.

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## WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively, please)

Dale: Wade into the waters of love;
People: Step into the rivers of blessing.
Racquel: Here, find the renewing streams of mercy.
People: Here, taste the wonder of God's goodness.
Dale: Feel the waters of life;
People: Know the joy of baptism;
Racquel: See the springs of eternal life;
All: Sing of the triumph of God's blessing.

#### \*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.

\* KYRIE NCH # 751 ('Kyrie Eleison' is Greek for 'Lord have mercy'.)

# WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Racquel Ray

\*HYMN NCH # 326 Crashing Waters at Creation Children and teachers may depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.

MOMENT FOR MISSION PRAYERS	One Great Hour of Sharing	Nancy Arena
ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE		
MORNING PRAYER		
CHORAL RESPONSE		
SCRIPTURE READING	John 4:1-26	(New Testament p. 94)

REFLECTION

Living Water

Rev. Dale Azevedo

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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM Freely Given \*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 # 278

Creator God, Creating Still

**\*BENEDICTION** 

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.

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.

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement has been given by Fred Rocco in memory of Henry Pierce who passed away in January of this year.

The other arrangement has been given by Barbara and Frank Lee in celebration of being part of a beautiful church family. We are certainly blessed!

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Greeters: Melinda Groff and Ria Costa

Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Joe Judge, Helen MacDonald, Greg Voigt

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 CongregationOffice Administrator:Christine WallisSenior Minister:The Rev. Dr. Dale AzevedoMusic Director:Matthew MarionAssociate Minister:The Rev. Racquel RayFinancial Secretary:Patricia StoddardDir. Faith Formation:Andrea Terni BullardCustodians: Jay Buckley, Frank & Barbara Lee

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