

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

5th Sunday of Lent

March 17th, 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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: In times of security and times of uncertainty

People: O God, you hear our prayers

Dale: Confident in your faithfulness,

People: We will ever praise your name

Racquel: Through the abundance of your steadfast love

People: You have gathered us into your house

Dale: In the holiness of your presence

All: We worship and adore you.

*HYMN NCH # 198

Lift High the Cross

*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. Dale Azevedo

*HYMN NCH # 193

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Children and teachers may depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-8

(New Testament p. 106)

REFLECTION

Discipleship of Hospitality

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

My God Is So High

arr. Hogan

*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 # 195

On a Hill Far Away

*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.*

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 has been given by Marion and Steve Fodor in celebration of all the
March birthdays in their family! They are grateful for each and every one!

The other arrangement has been given by Nancy Arena in loving memory of her sister
Karen Ethel Crisman who was born on St. Patrick's Day.



Greeter: Trinkie Brueckner

Ushers: Tom Strolla, Helen MacDonald, Frank Lee, Barbara Lee

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 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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