

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

4th Sunday of Lent

March 19th, 2023

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

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Dale: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

People: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

Dale All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

People: Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness and gentleness are all of God.

Dale: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

All: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

*HYMN PH # 29

Now Thank We All Our God

*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

*HYMN NCH # 370

What Gift Can We Bring?

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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

Nancy Arena

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING (*read responsively*)

Psalm 136

Thank you, God, for you are good.
Your steadfast love endures forever.

Thank you, God of gods.
Thank you, Lord of lords.
Your steadfast love endures forever.

You alone do great wonders.
In your wisdom you made the heavens,
and spread the earth on the waters.
You made the great lights,
the sun to rule the day,
and the moon and stars to rule the night.
Your steadfast love endures forever.

You struck Egypt through their firstborn,
and brought Israel out of bondage.
With a strong hand and an outstretched arm,
you divided the Red Sea in two.
You made Israel to pass through it,
but overthrew Pharaoh and his army in the waters.
Your steadfast love endures forever.

You led your people through the wilderness,
and struck down mighty rulers.
You cut down famous kings,
like Sihon, king of the Amorites,
and Og, king of Bashan.
You gave their land as a heritage,
a heritage to your servant Israel.
Your steadfast love endures forever.

You remembered us in our weakness,
and rescued us from our foes.
You give food to all your creation,
so let us give thanks to the God of heaven.
Your steadfast love endures forever.

(This version of Psalm 136 is an adaptation compiled from three different translations of the Bible: the NRSV, NLT, and FET.)

REFLECTION

Five Types of Prayer: Thanksgiving

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

BRINGING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Nancy Arena

CHORAL ANTHEM

Freely Given

arr. Lantz

*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 # 420

We Praise You, O God

*BENEDICTION

Jane Tonn

*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 Nancy Arena in loving memory
of her sister Karen Ethel Crisman who was born on St. Patrick's Day.

The other arrangement has been given by the Lay Visitation Team in thanksgiving for
Rose Marie Bolton's 93rd birthday on March 23rd, and in fond memory of George Bolton.



Worship Assistants: Nancy Arena, Jane Tonn

Greeters: Violet Milliken, Ellyson Capizzo

Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Jay Buckley, Barbara Lee, Frank Lee

Worship Tech Support: Tom Colby, 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 for pick up from the racks in the stairwells. We hope that you will come back and worship with us again.

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