

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 1st, 2026

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.

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



WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

EXTENDING THE HAND OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be 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.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: When Jesus was asked who our neighbor is, he told the Parable of the Good Samaritan, challenging us to overcome divisions and see the other as a neighbor.

All: Jews and Samaritans, East and West, North and South, we are all one in Jesus.

Joe: When Peter saw the faith of Cornelius, he spoke the truth: God shows no partiality to any nation but accepts all those who love God and practice righteousness.

All: We have neighbors in every nation on earth.

Racquel: Christ breaks down divisions and ends hostilities. His peace is spoken near and far, and we are no longer strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints.

All: We are all children of God and members of the divine household. Thank you God.

*HYMN NCH # 498

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

God of mercy and God of unity, we confess that we let divisions harden our hearts. We are tempted to turn our backs on our neighbors and repay evil for evil. Grant us your peace, the peace that overcomes our hostilities and reconciles us to your divine will. Listen now to the prayers we bring to you in silence...

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The cups contain grape juice & 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.*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN NCH # 576

For the Healing of the Nations

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

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 2:13

(New Testament, p. 192)

REFLECTION

The Far Brought Near

Rev. Joe Zarro

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

WERE YOU THERE?

arr. Larson

*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 # 386

The Church's One Foundation

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE #386 Verse 4

**Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! God give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.**

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.*

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Ushers.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

Two vases have been given by Helen and Joe Schall. The first vase is given in loving memory of Helen's parents, Alexander and Helen Trip. The second vase is given in loving memory of Helen's brother James Hasson and his wife, Jacqueline.



Greeter: Trinkie Brueckner

Ushers: Frank and 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.

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