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 3rd Sunday of Lent March 23rd, 2025

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 GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively, please)

Racquel: Jesus, Light of the World,

People: give us eyes to see as you see!

Dale: Once we lived in darkness, but now...

People: as children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.

Racquel: Jesus, light of the world,

People: give us eyes to see as you see!

*HYMN NCH# 160

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World)

*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 # 238

Now the Green Blade Rises

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 Luke 13:1-9 (New Testament p. 76)

REFLECTION Bearing Good Fruit Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM We Sing Alleluia arr. Schrader

*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 # 287

Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

*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 a 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:

One arrangement has been given by Jay and Phyllis Buckley and family in loving memory of Phyllis' dad, David Ritchie.

The other arrangement has been given by the Bolton family in celebration of Rose Marie's 95th birthday



Greeter: Liz Wiedenhofer
Ushers: Steve & Marion Fodor

Worship Tech Support: 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 to 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

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Associate Minister: The Rev. Racquel Ray

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