

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.

 Mother's Day



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

Sixth Sunday After Easter

May 10th, 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: Jesus gave us a new commandment: To love one another as he has loved us.

All: We will show others the love of Christ!

Joe: Jesus tells us those who love him will keep his commandment to love God and love others. He has shown us what that love looks like.

All: We will show others the love of Christ!

Racquel: Jesus did not wait for us to earn his love, nor does he withhold his love from those who fail. He forgives the sinner and seeks the lost. He sends us the Spirit so that we may be able to do the same.

All: With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will show the love of Christ! Thanks be to God.

*HYMN NCH # 11

Bring Many Names

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

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.

* GLORIA

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Joe Zarro

*HYMN NCH # 299 *(Verses 1, 3 & 5)*

For All the Saints

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 14:15-21

(New Testament, p. 239)

REFLECTION

Christ Loved First

Rev. Joe Zarro

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Thy Way, Not Mine, O Lord

Craig Courtney

*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 # 293

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Refrain of NCH # 293

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
And for these blessings we lift in our hearts in praise. |
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place.**

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 & Hearing Devices are available from the Ushers.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

The first arrangement is given by the Fab Four in loving memory of
their mother, Patricia Gregory, on Mother's Day.

The second arrangement is given by Kristen, Karen and LeAnn in honor of
their sister Erin's birthday.



Greeter: Trinkie Brueckner
Ushers: Tom Stolla & Cheryl Muth
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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