

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.



Royalties For Negro Spirituals Offering

Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11th, 2025

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

EXTENDING THE HAND OF PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: Beautiful are the people of God!

People: Beautiful also are the skins of God's people!

Racquel: Beautiful is the mind of God!

People: Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people!

Racquel: Beautiful is the music of God's universe!

People: Beautiful also are the songs of God's people!

Racquel: Beautiful is the heart of God!

People: Beautiful also are the souls of God's people!

Racquel: Beautiful is the love of God!

People: Beautiful also is the compassion of God's people!

All: Beautiful is all God's creation

*HYMN NCH # 593

Lift Every Voice and Sing

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.

*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 WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

*HYMN NCH # 85

I Woke Up This Morning

(Children and teachers may depart for classes during the singing of the hymn)

MOMENT FOR MISSION

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PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER & CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 9:36-42

(New Testament, p. 128)

REFLECTION

Do You Believe in Miracles?

Rev. Racquel Ray

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Lead Me Lord

Wesley

*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 # 282

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

*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.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement is given by the Fab Four to honor their mother, Patricia Gregory on Mother's Day

One arrangement is given by the Fab Four to wish a happy birthday and a happy Mother's Day to their sister, Erin.

One arrangement is given by given by Vici Belmont in loving memory of her mother, Harriet Seydel Anderla.

One arrangement is given by Sara Bagwell in loving memory of Ray & Joan Pesola and to honor Sandi Bagwell & Sandy Sullivan on Mother's Day.



Greeter: Nancy Arena

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 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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