

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

7th Sunday of Easter

May 12th, 2024

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: Let us praise God for sending Jesus Christ to be born of Mary.

All: We give God all our praises.

Dale: Let our hearts be filled with joyful celebration for the fulfillment of God's promises.

All: We open our hearts to receive the joy of Christ.

Racquel: Let us move forward with Jesus Christ as our guiding light.

All: The light of Jesus Christ is shining in each of us.

Dale: Come, let us worship our Risen Christ,

All: whose love and light guide us still.

*HYMN NCH # 4

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

*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 (*see insert*)

God of the Women

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

Proverbs 31

(Hebrew Scriptures p. 613)

REFLECTION

A Woman's Heart

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Deep River

Newell

*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 # 351

I Was There to Hear Your Borneing Cry

*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.

**Those who are able, please stand.*

Immediately after the Benediction Response we will begin the **2nd Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the recommendation to sell the Nathaniel Road parsonage**. We recognize some will need to leave but encourage all church members who can to please stay for this important meeting and vote. We need to have a quorum. Child care is provided – Andrea will keep the children in the Education building until their parent/guardian picks them up after the meeting ends.

*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 Vici Belmont
in loving memory of her mother, Harriet Anderla.

The other arrangement’s dedication is “Happy Mother’s Day in memory
of their special mother, Patricia Gregory, with love from the Fab Four.”



Greeters: The Kiley Family

Ushers: Tom Strolla, Lory McCoy, Joe Judge, Bethia Rosner

Worship Tech Support: Laurie Dubel

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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