

# 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

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Order of Morning Worship

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

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*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

*Everybody Give Thanks*  
Sing and Celebrate Choir

Dan McGowan

RECOGNITION OF S&CC SINGERS

Kate Colby

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Grades 5 – 8 & their Teachers

Youth: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

**All: Come and worship God with gladness.**

Teachers: Come into the presence of God with singing.

**All: Know that God is God.**

Youth: It is God that made us.

**All: And we belong to God.**

Teachers: We are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

**All: Let us enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.**

Teachers: Let us give thanks to God and bless God's holy name.

**All: For God is good.**

Youth: The steadfast love of God endures forever, and God's faithfulness is to all generations.

**All: Come, let us worship our God!**

\*HYMN NCH # 293

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION & LORD'S PRAYER

Grades 2-4 & their Teachers

Teachers: God of Life and Laughter, we are so blessed by the young believers you have brought to this congregation. Through them we often hear your voice among us. For generations, we have celebrated kids in this congregation. Thank you for their innovation, their dreams, their sparkling laughter, their energy, their sincere faith, and their voices and songs which minister to us all.

Children: Thank You God for our teachers, families, and friends. Help the adults in our church listen to our words, protect us from danger, and help us become mature people of faith. Surround us with love and truth.

Teachers: Please join us in the Lord's Prayer:

**All: 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

RECOGNITION OF CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS Andrea Bullard

JUBILATION SLIDE SHOW

\*HYMN NCH # 282 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER PreK – Grade 1 & their Teachers

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 6:1-4 (New Testament p. 195)

REACHING OUT Ben Flynn

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* Hayes

\*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 # 84 *This Is the Day*

\*BENEDICTION Confirmation Class

\*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 hymns are all designated "NCH" and 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 by Susan Rotblat-Walker and her husband Howard,  
in celebration of their son Stuart's birthday,  
and also in memory of their granddaughter Julia Alice's birthday.

The other arrangement has been paid for from the Chancel Fund.



Greeter: Nancy Arena

Ushers: Tom Strolla, Liz Wiedenhofer, Joe Judge, Phyllis Buckley

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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