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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25th, 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

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively, please)

One: Faded photographs,

All: **Distant Memories**, One: Of special times, Of painful news. All: One: Family and friends, Saddened by death, All: Anguished by loss, One: Conflicted over wars. All: Yet we are not alone, One:

All: We are surrounded by saints,
One: And forever remembered by God.

All: Forever held by God.

One: Forever given reason to sing,

All: For God's love is stronger than death,
One: And the Spirit gives wings to new hope.

*HYMN NCH # 591

This is My Song

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME Janet Hawk

*HYMN NCH # 588 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING Titus 3:1 (New Testament, p. 215)

REFLECTION Rev. Racquel Ray

OFFERTORY

*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 # 563

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

*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.

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.

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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement is given by Audrey Rogers in loving memory of her beloved husband David, and their parents, Georgiana and Jordan Silver and Dorothy and Vernon Rogers.

One arrangement is given in loving memory of Helen Wuth by her daughter Barbara.

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Greeter: Trinki Brueckner Ushers: Bethia Rosner & Cheryl Muth Worship Tech Support: Seth Forman

To Our Visitors: We 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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