

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

Pentecost

May 28th, 2023

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: Almighty God, giver of all good things: we thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of these lands. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

All: Heal us.

Racquel: We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

All: Forgive us.

Racquel: We thank you for the people who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of their example.

All: Inspire us.

Racquel: We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

All: Enlighten us.

Racquel: We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our lives, though we have been faithless again and again.

All: Renew us.

Racquel: Help us, O God, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all your people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy name.

All: Amen.

*HYMN NCH #606

Nearer, My God, to Thee

*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

Rev. Racquel

*HYMN NCH # 99

Abide With Me

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

(New Testament p. 119)

REFLECTION

The Spirit Calls Us to Service

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

VIDEO MESSAGE ABOUT STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Rev. John Dorhauer

CHORAL ANTHEM

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

arr. Schrader

*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 # 571

O God of Love, O God of Peace

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

God Be With You

**God be with you till we meet again;
By good counsel guide, uphold you.
With a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.**

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.*

All of today's hymns are 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 Audrey and David Rogers in celebration of their 67th wedding anniversary and their daughter Lesley Muir's 65th birthday, and in gratitude for the blessings of their three daughters and their growing families.

The other arrangement has been given by Barbara Wuth
in loving memory of her mother, Helen Wuth.



Worship Helpers: Pat Stoddard, Lory McCoy

Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Steve Cipoletti, Audrey Rogers, Greg Voigt

Worship Tech Support: Seth Forman

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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