

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

3rd Sunday of Easter

May 4th, 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.

PRELUDE

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

EXTENDING THE HAND OF PEACE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: With a heart as soft as a baby's skin,

People: With wonder as holy as the depth of an infant's eyes,

Racquel: We come to worship.

People: With joy as abundant as a toddler's giggle,

Racquel: With excitement as contagious as a child's first steps,

People: **We gather for worship.**
Racquel: With hope as wondrous as a child's first words,
People: With praise as awesome as a children's choir,
Racquel: We come to sing and pray.
All: We gather to be blessed and encouraged.

*HYMN NCH # 597

Shall We Gather at the River

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

The Sacrament of Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. The promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to all children. Baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of our acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of our participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of our growth into the full Christian faith and discipleship.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

BAPTISM OF KEEGAN DUKE HEANEY *(See Insert)*

ORDER OF BAPTISM

Keegan Duke Heaney

Parents: Kyle & Kelsey Heaney

God Guys: Andrew Killian, Sean Heaney & Matthew Heaney

INVITATION

PROMISES TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Minister: A covenant is integral to relationships with God, so today we state the responsibilities of parents and community to God and child. Kyle and Kelsey, I ask you now to affirm your covenant with God and Keegan.

To the Parents: Do you promise, to the best of your ability and with God helping you, that you will love Keegan and give to him all that you can so that he will grow to the fullness of life that God intends?

Parents: We do.

To the Parents: Do you also promise, with God's blessing and guidance, that you will lead Keegan in the Christian way? Through your teaching and your life example will you help him to know that God loves him completely?

Parents: We do.

To the Godparents (God Guys): Andrew Killian, Sean Heaney, and Matthew Heaney, you have been invited into a very special relationship with Keegan and his family. Do you promise to do your very best in caring for them all, providing active support and guidance, that through your love they will feel God's love alive in their hearts?

Godparents: We promise, with God's guidance.

To the Congregation: I ask you as God's people, what will your part be in helping Keegan to discover the grace of God within him?

Congregation: We say to you, Kyle and Kelsey, that Keegan has with us here a community that is filled with love for him, our homes are his home, our resources his resources. Our faith will be taught to him. We pray that we might fulfill our vows to him and to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Minister pours the water into the font and the Deacon adds water from the Jordan River.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Minister: Kyle and Kelsey, by what name shall this child of God be known?

Parents: Keegan Duke.

Minister: Keegan Duke, I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Parent of us all. Amen.

The Minister, Family, God-Guys, and Deacon lay hands on the child.

Minister: Keegan Duke, may the Holy Spirit work within you that being born in the Spirit you may become a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESENTATION AND WELCOME

The Minister walks the child out into the congregation sharing words of faith.

Congregation: Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessings on Keegan, that you will watch over him and guide him as he grows in faith. Remind us of your promises of our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Minister and Deacon present the family with the Baptismal Certificate and rose and offer the right hand of fellowship.

*HYMN NCH # 325 Verses 1-2

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts and give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise!

THE LORD'S PRAYER debts/debtors (*in unison*)

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP (*Please serve your neighbor each element. It is our custom to eat the bread individually, symbolizing our personal relationship with God and to drink the cup together, symbolizing the value of our faith community.*)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN NCH # 325 Verses 3-4

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

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

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 150

(Old Testament, p. 583)

Racquel: Praise the LORD!

All: Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament!

Racquel: Praise God with trumpet sound;

All: Praise God with lute and harp!

Racquel: Praise God with tambourine and dance;

All: Praise God with strings and pipe!

Racquel: Praise God with clanging cymbals;

All: Praise God with loud clashing cymbals!

Racquel: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!

All: Praise the LORD!

REFLECTION

Rev. Racquel Ray

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Down to the River to Pray

arr. Curry

*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

*HYMN NCH # 252 Verses 1-2

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Last Verse*

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.*

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Ushers.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement is given by Ann Doran in loving memory of Janet and Stew Morrison and their many friends at BCCUCC who, through their faith and spirit for over 60 years, helped make BCCUCC a church for the ages.

The other arrangement is given by Racquel Ray in gratitude to God for the anniversary of her ordination and the call to ministry.



Greeters: Barbara & Frank Lee
Ushers: Steve Cipoletti & Audrey Rogers
Deacons: Gloria Hwang-Forzano, Pat Stoddard & Liz Wiedenhofer
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.

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation

Associate Minister: Rev. Racquel Ray	Office Administrator: Sara Bagwell
Music Director: Matthew Marion	Dir. Faith Formation: Andrea Terni
Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard	Custodians: Frank & Barbara Lee

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