

# Welcome to Worship

**W**e 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**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

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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.

*Please freely change the wording of any part of this service to more inclusive language.  
Our purpose is to worship God in wholeness.*



### WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

- Dale: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love-  
**People: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers - a community of kindred hearts.**
- Racquel: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know -  
**People: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.**
- Dale: People of God, look about and see all the images of God assembled here.  
**People: In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.**
- Racquel: People of God, come.  
**All: Let us worship together.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

**God, before Jesus died, he prayed that we would be one, and that the world would know we are his by our love for one another. We confess that we have failed. Instead of seeking unity, we have gossiped. Instead of seeking to serve one another, we more often serve our own interests. Instead of embracing the outsider, we isolate ourselves away from the world. God, save us from seeking redemption in such small ways. Lift our eyes to see your movement and work in the world. Give us the joy of finding your work and joining the movement of the Spirit. Make us one, Lord, here, there and everywhere. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

\*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.**

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(The cups contain grape juice. All of the bread is gluten-free).*

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 MEAL *(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.)*

\*HYMN NCH # 388

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

*(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

*(New Testament p.130)*

Acts 10:44-48

REFLECTION

*Who belongs in our pews?*

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Order My Steps*

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. Amen.**

\*PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION

OUR COMMUNITY GOES OUT TO SERVE GOD

\*HYMN PH # 272

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\*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.*

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 in memory of Janet Morrison  
by Ann, Peter, Sam, Sherri, Molly, Tim, Lane and Marsden.

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



Greeters: Marion and Steve Fodor

Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Joe Judge, Lory McCoy, Jay Buckley

Deacons: Steve Fodor, Lory McCoy, 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      Office Administrator: Christine Wallis  
Senior Minister: The Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo      Music Director: Matthew Marion  
Associate Minister: The Rev. Racquel Ray      Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard  
Dir. Faith Formation: Andrea Terni Bullard      Custodians: Jay Buckley, Frank & Barbara Lee

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