

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.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship 26th Sunday after Pentecost November 17th, 2024

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*)

Dale: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our self-centered thoughts.

People: And open our eyes to see our neighbor in worship.

Racquel: As we come to worship, let us leave at the door our feelings of exclusiveness.

People: And open our minds to the possibilities of inclusion.

Dale: As we come to worship, let us leave outside our notion of generosity.

People: And open our hearts to the possibility of giving beyond our typical gift.

All: As we come to worship, let us open our eyes, our minds and our hearts to what can be instead of what is. For all of our gifts and for all possibilities, let us lift our voices in praise!

*HYMN NCH # 12

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*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 Ray

*HYMN NCH # 454

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Children and teachers may depart for classes during the singing of this hymn.

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 12:5 - 10 (New Testament p. 185)

REFLECTION *I can do all things...* Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

BRINGING OUR GIFTS FORWARD

EXPLANATION

LITANY OF GRATITUDE

CHORAL ANTHEM *Sing to the Lord of Harvest* Willan

DEDICATION

OUR COMMUNITY GOES OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN NCH # 611 (*verses 1-3*) *O Day of God, Draw Near*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Last 2 verses*

**Bring to our world of strife your sovereign word of peace,
That war may haunt the earth no more and desolation cease.
O Day of God, draw near as at creation's birth;
Let there be light again and let your reign begin on earth.**

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able, please stand.*



Following today's worship service we invite you to a special catered Consecration Lunch held in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our shared commitment to our church.

*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.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

The first arrangement is given by Barbara and Frank Lee in celebration of their November wedding anniversary.

The second arrangement is given by Audrey and Dave Rogers in gratitude for their three daughters, and in memory of their parents and their brothers.

The third arrangement is given with gratitude for the love and light of Diane Todd.
– Andrew, Cate, Drew, Abby and Emma Todd.

The fourth arrangement is given by the Zeleznik family in loving memory of Stephen Russell, a wonderful father, grandfather and husband, on his birthday.



Greeter: Barbara Lee
Ushers: Greg Voigt & Frank Lee
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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