

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 26th, 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

WELCOME

EXTENDING THE HAND OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you...

Response: And also with you...

Let us greet one another extending the hand of Christian Peace

(All are invited to greet one another by shaking hands or waving, offering the peace of Christ.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Joe: Let us give thanks to God for God is good, and the steadfast love of God endures forever.
Racquel: Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."
Joe: Let the house of Aaron say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."
Racquel: Let Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ say, "God's steadfast love endures forever."
All: God's steadfast love endures forever!
Joe: This is the day the Lord has made;
All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Racquel: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
All: We give you thanks, O God, for you are our God and we will extol you. You are good, O God, and your steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN NCH # 73

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

*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 PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Stewardship & Hospitality

Barbara Lee

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Joe Zarro

*HYMN NCH # 52

There is a Name I Love to Hear

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

Matthew 25:34-40

(New Testament. p. 29)

SERMON

“Unreasonable Hospitality”

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE GIVE THANKS FOR GOD’S GIFTS

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

As You Serve, Remember Me

Joel Raney

*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 # 565 (verses 1-3)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE (Last Verse)

**Lend your joy to all our giving, let it light our pilgrim way;
From the night of anxious keeping, loose us into generous day.
Then when years on earth are over, and we’ve lived our human span,
God, fulfill beyond our dreaming, all our stewardship began.**

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.



TODAY’S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement is given by Erin Gregory Murray in memory of her dad David Gregory who passed away 4 years ago this month.

The second arrangement is given by Audrey Rogers in loving memory of her husband David and remembering him during his birthday month.



Greeters: Beth Buckley
Ushers: Frank & Barbara Lee
Worship Tech Support: Tom Colby

TO OUR VISITORS: We especially welcome those who are visiting with us today. We are excited to have you among us and invite you to fill out a Visitor Response Card and pick up a Welcome Folder from a rack in the stairwells. We hope that you will worship with us again!

Ministers to the World: All the Congregation
Associate Minister: Rev. Racquel Ray
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Music Director: Matthew Marion

Interim Sr. Minister: Rev. Joe Zarro
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