

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 17th Sunday after Pentecost September 15th, 2024

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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Dale: All you looking for comfort,

People: Find here the arms of a loving God.

Racquel: All you looking for direction,

People: Find here the hand of God to guide you.

Dale: All you hoping to end loneliness,

People: Find here the embrace of God and new friends.

Racquel: All you searching for meaning,

People: Find here the Lord of the Life and the Revealer of Truth.

Dale: All you seeking happiness,

All: Find here the deep joy of the risen Christ and the lasting peace of forgiveness.

*HYMN NCH # 388

Help Us Accept Each Other

*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 # 472

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 16:7-10. 13-14
NLT (New Living Translation)

(Hebrew Scriptures p. 12)

REFLECTION

Do you ever feel alone?

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

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 # 471 verses 1 & 2

What a Covenant

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Last verse of hymn (verse 3)

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Savior near, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning , leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

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 Susan and Howard Rotblat-Walker to celebrate the life of Howard's favorite Aunt Lorraine, and also their dear friend, Roger McAlpine.

The other arrangement has been given by Racquel Ray
in thanksgiving and celebration for three years of ministry at BCCUCC.



Greeter: Liz Rosenholm

Ushers: Liz Wiedenhofer, Lory McCoy

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:	Frank & Barbara Lee

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