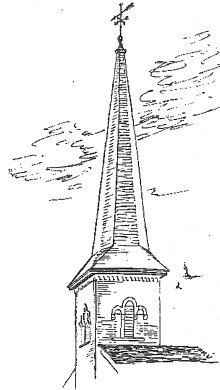


# Welcome to Worship

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.



Fall  
Congregational  
Meeting



## Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

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Order of Morning Worship    19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    September 29<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.



### 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:     Out of the depths I cry to you, O God.

**All:     God, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to our call.**

Racquel: If you kept track of our sins, O God, who could stand?

**All:     But with you is forgiveness, and for this we revere you.**

Dale:     So I wait for you, O God, my soul waits,  
              and in your word I place my trust.

**All:     We wait for you, O God, and in your word we place our trust.**

Racquel: My soul waits for you, more than those who watch for the dawn,  
              more than those who watch for the dawn.

**All:     O People of God, put your hope in God.**

**For with God there is abundant love and great power to forgive.**

\*HYMN NCH # 596

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

\*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

**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

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Dale Azevedo

\*HYMN NCH # 506

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*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 18:21-35  
NLT (New Living Translation)

(New Testament p. 20)

REFLECTION

*The Challenge of Forgiveness*

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

A MOMENT OF GRACE

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

*I'm Gonna Keep on Singin'*

arr. Hart

\*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 # 23

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

\*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.**

Immediately after the Benediction Response we will begin our **Fall Congregational Meeting**. Child care is provided. We recognize some will need to leave but invite all who can to please stay for this important meeting - and also so that we have a quorum.

*\*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:

Both bouquets are given by Miriam and Steve Duvel.  
The first is in memory of Miriam's father, Joseph Ryan.  
The second is in celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



Greeters: The Drury family

Ushers: Tom Strolla, Greg Voigt

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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