

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.

OPEN DOORS SUNDAY



YOUR CHURCH FAMILY
WELCOMES YOU

Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship 16th Sunday after Pentecost September 8th, 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 being livestreamed to be watched online by those unable to join us in person.



WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Lieder "Morgen" op. 27, no. 4

Strauss

Soloist: Kate Norigian

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: Welcome home, welcome in.

People: Here we find a song for our souls and healing for our wounds.

Dale: Welcome home.

**People: Here find children's laughter that chases dark clouds away,
and quiet prayers that lead us to still waters and green pastures.**

Racquel: Welcome to this holy space.

**People: Here there are friends with a tender embrace, and here there are
words that heal brokenness and reveal God's grace.**

Dale: Welcome home. God has been expecting you. The candles are lit, and
the door is open.

All: Welcome to this festival of renewal and hope.

*HYMN NCH # 417

This is a Day of New Beginnings

*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

ORDER OF BAPTISM



Jameson Peter Sousa

Parents: Morgan Frances Woodman-Sousa and Derek Sousa

Godparents: Sarah Sousa and Lyndsey Kachelmann

INVITATION

PROMISES TO GOD AND ONE ANOTHER

Minister: A covenant is integral to relationships with God, so today we state the
responsibilities of parents and community to God and child. Morgan and Derek,
I ask you now to affirm your covenant with God and Jameson.

To the Parents: Do you promise, to the best of your ability and with God helping
you, that you will love Jameson and give to him all that you can so that he will
grow to the fullness of life that God intends?

Parents: We do.

To the Parents: Do you also promise, with God's blessing and guidance, that you will lead him in the Christian way? Through your teaching and your life example will you help him to know that God loves him completely?

Parents: We do.

To the Godparents: You have been invited into a very special relationship with this child and his family. Do you promise to do your very best in caring for them all, providing active support and guidance, that through your love they will feel God's love alive in their hearts?

Godparents: We promise, with God's guidance.

To the Congregation: I ask you as God's people, what will your part be in helping this child to discover the grace of God within him?

Congregation: We say to you, Morgan and Derek, that Jameson has with us here a community that is filled with love for him, our homes are his home, our resources his resources. Our faith will be taught to him. We pray that we might fulfill our vows to him and to God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Minister pours the water into the font and the Deacon adds water from the Jordan River.

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

Minister: Morgan and Derek, what name have you given this child?

Parents: Jameson Peter

Minister: Jameson Peter, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Minister, family, godparents, and Deacon lay hands on the child.

Minister: Jameson Peter, may the Holy Spirit work within you that being born in the Spirit you may become a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESENTATION AND WELCOME

The Minister walks the child out into the congregation sharing words of faith.

Congregation: Gracious God, giver of life, you have called us by name, and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray today for your blessings on Jameson that you will watch over him and guide him as he grows in faith. Remind us of your promises of our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Minister and deacon present the family with the Baptismal Certificate and rose and offer the right hand of fellowship.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Racquel: This morning, as we begin a new program year for our church school, we call upon God's blessing for our volunteers and children, and for the ministry they are about to enter into. So we ask....

We ask our children to bring their parents to worship services, and for our children to engage in church school with open hearts, open ears, and wonder.

Andrea: We ask our volunteers to share their love with our children, to the best of their ability and with God as their helper. We ask them to share the wonder of God's love and the powerful model of Jesus' ministry so our children may grow in their faith.

Dale: We ask the members of our congregation to support the church school volunteers in their important ministry throughout this coming year with your love, prayers, and helping hands

All: God of the young and the old, we pray that you grant to this church community the strength and courage to support our volunteers and our children, that together we will all be enriched in our faith and encouraged along the exciting journey of faith. Show our volunteers the joy of sharing, the blessings of giving, and the satisfaction of serving. Help us all to tap into the wonder of children so that we can all ask questions and search your scriptures for answers to the meaning of life itself. In the spirit of your son the teacher, Jesus. Amen

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 12:46-50 (New Testament p. 13)

REFLECTION *Your Church Family* Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM *Welcome* Mark Miller

*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 # 423

Great Is Your Faithfulness

*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

"Tosca"

Giacomo Puccini

**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.*

Today's hymns are all designated "NCH" and are from *The New Century Hymnal* (black).

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Ushers.



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.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ,
is a Christian community that worships God,
embraces all people, ministers to one another,
works for justice and peace,
and renders loving service to God's world.



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TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement has been given by Will Buckley
in loving memory of his dad, Bill Buckley

The other arrangement has been given by Betty Vohr and Thomas Gidley
in loving memory of their parents, Mary and Albert Rohloff,
and Dorothy and Edwin Gidley.



Greeters: The Milliken Family: Hazel, Ian, Violet, Ivy, and Ralph

Ushers: Steve and Marion Fodor

Worship Tech Support: Tom Colby



Ministers to the World:	All the Congregation
Senior Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo
Associate Minister:	The Rev. Racquel Ray
Faith Formation Director:	Andrea Terni Bullard
Music Director:	Matthew Marion
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