

## 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



Love   
One Another

### **Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ**

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**Order of Morning Worship    15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

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*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

Bare Bones Big Band

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively, please)

Dale: Dear siblings in Christ, let us gather to worship our God.

**People: Amen.**

Racquel: Let us set our minds on the right things. Which is the greatest of all spiritual gifts?

**People: It is love.**

Dale: The apostle Paul said, "Let love be genuine!"

**People: Not fake, not lukewarm, not a mere attempt at friendliness.**

Racquel: Jesus asked his followers to love one another as he had loved them.

**People: All the way to the cross, through abandonment and disappointment, our Lord never lost faith in his people.**

Dale: St. John said, "God is love."

**People: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.**

Racquel: Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

**All: Let love be genuine! Amen.**

\*HYMN (to be taught and sung acapella)

*Love, Love, Love*

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Racquel Ray

**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

MOMENT FOR MISSION WITH THE CHILDREN

\*HYMN (see later in bulletin)

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

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 DEDICATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

REFLECTION

*Let Us Love One Another*

Rev. Dale Azevedo

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

## OFFERTORY

SPECIAL MUSIC

\*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 # 393

*Blessed Be The Tie That Binds*

\*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

\* Those who are able, please stand.

# They'll Know We Are Christians

Guitar capo: 1; play Em  
Unison

Em

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

Am Em

we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

Am Em

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain C G C G Em Am

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love,

Em Am Bm Em

yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

*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 arrangements have been given by Will Buckley in loving memory of his dad,  
Bill Buckley, whose birthday was today, September 10<sup>th</sup>;  
and also in memory of his housemate Bruce whose birthday was September 11<sup>th</sup>.



Greeter: Trinki Brueckner

Ushers: Steve Fodor, Marion Fodor, Lory McCoy, Liz Wiedenhofer

Worship Tech Support: Tom Colby

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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