

# Welcome to Worship

**W**e 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

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**Order of Morning Worship      16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      September 17<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

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: Welcome home, welcome in.

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

Dale: Welcome home.

**All: 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.

**All: 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. Welcome to this festival of renewal and hope.

\*HYMN NCH # 28

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

\*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. Dale Azevedo

\*HYMN NCH # 422

*Come, O Thankful People, Come*

*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

Romans 14:1-12

(New Testament p. 163)

REFLECTION

*Vegetables or not; it's all for God.*

Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Amazing Grace*

arr. 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 # 425

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

\*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.**

*\*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:**

Both arrangements have been given by Dale and Elizabeth Azevedo in celebration of their seven years of ministry together at Barrington Congregational Church UCC.



Greeter: Nancy Arena

Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Joe Judge, Tom Strolla, Helen MacDonald

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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Senior Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo	Music Director:	Matthew Marion
Associate Minister:	The Rev. Racquel Ray	Financial Secretary:	Patricia Stoddard
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