

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.

Candidating Sunday



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship 15th Sunday after Pentecost September 18th, 2022

We gather in worship this morning with joy and reverence in our hearts and a sincere welcome to all. 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 not yet ready or unable to join us in person.



WE PREPARE FOR GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story* P. Bilhorn, arr. D. Marsh
Marina Zabinski – Piano; Cornet with bucket mute – Greg Voigt

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.

All: God has been expecting you. The candles are lit, and the door is open. Welcome to this festival of renewal and hope.

*HYMN NCH #421

We Gather Together

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

*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 *What is Candidating Sunday?* Rev. Dale Azevedo

*HYMN PH # 461 *Come, Ye Thankful People Come*
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 Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (Hebrew Scriptures p. 180)

REFLECTION *Harvest Home* Rev. Racquel Ray

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM *Order My Steps* arr. Schrader

During the singing of the Doxology, if you've brought back a filled Welcome Home Basket, please follow the ushers up and place your basket on the Chancel Steps.

*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. Amen.**

*PRESENTATION AND DEDICATION

OUR COMMUNITY GOES OUT TO SERVE GOD

*HYMN (see insert) *'Tis the Gift to be Simple*

*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.*

Immediately following the Benediction Response there will be a Special Congregational Meeting to vote on the Search Committee's recommendation for Associate Minister of Congregational Life. We encourage all church members to stay for the meeting.
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All are invited to a reception in Fellowship Hall following the Congregational Meeting.



*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 in celebration of six years of ministry together at Barrington Congregational Church UCC by Dale and Elizabeth Azevedo.



Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Helen MacDonald, Steve Cipoletti, Audrey Rogers

Worship Tech Support: Laurie Dubel

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 sign our Guest Book at the entrance to the church and/or 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
Senior Minister:	The Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo
Acting Associate Minister:	The Rev. Racquel Ray
Organist/Choir Director:	Marina Zabinski
Office Administrator:	Christine Wallis
Financial Secretary:	Patricia Stoddard
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