

# 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    18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost    September 22<sup>nd</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. 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*)

Dale:        We come into the presence of the Holy God,

**All:        Who may not be grasped,**

Racquel:    But may be gazed upon;

**All:        Who is not easily understood,**

Dale:        But is full of understanding;

**All:        Who does not come at our beck and call,**

Racquel:    But who is always near.

**All:        We gather as God's children**

Dale:        In confident assurance that God is here.

\*HYMN NCH # 4

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You*

\*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. Racquel Ray

\*HYMN NCH # 11 verses 1-3, 6

*Bring Many Names*

*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

Exodus 20:1-6

(Hebrew Scriptures p. 66)

REFLECTION

*Who is the real God?*

Rev. Dale Azevedo

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

*As You Serve, Remember Me*

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\*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 # 24 verses 1-3 (in English)

*The God of Abraham Praise*

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE Verse 4

**The God of Sarah praise, all praises to God's name,  
Who was and is and is to be, for e'er the same!  
The one eternal God, before what now appears;  
The First, the Last: beyond all thought through timeless years!**

POSTLUDE

*\*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 arrangements are given by Barbara Lee in memory of  
her parents, Sally and Jim Chace and their September birthdays.



Greeters: Steve and Marion Fodor  
Ushers: Bethia Rosner, Joe Judge  
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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