

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.



Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

Order of Morning Worship 14th Sunday after Pentecost September 14th, 2025

*We gather in worship this morning with joy and reverence in our hearts and a sincere welcome to all.
Remember 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

Matthew Marion

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

WELCOME

EXTENDING THE HAND OF PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you...

Response: And also with you...

Let us greet one another extending the hand of Christian Peace

(All invited to greet one another by shaking hands or waving, offering the peace of Christ.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

Racquel: God has planted a garden in each of us.

All: May we nurture what God has planted.

Racquel: Jesus gives us the example of how to grow.

All: May we grow in Christ's image.

Racquel: Spirit brings the harvest.

All: May we share it with others.

*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

**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 PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES

CHILDREN’S TIME Rev. Joe Zarro

*HYMN NCH # 32 *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*
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 Genesis 2:4-9, 15-17 (Old Testament p. 2)

SERMON Inch by Inch, Row by Row Rev. Joe Zarro

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM *Freely Given* arr. Lantz

*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 PH # 38 *Morning Has Broken*

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Verse 3 of PH #38*
**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day!**

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:

One arrangement is given by Barbara Lee in memory of her parents, Sally and Jim Chace and their September birthdays.

The second arrangement is given by Rev. Racquel Ray in thanksgiving and celebration of 4 years of Ministry at BCCUCC.



Greeter: Nancy Arena

Ushers: Tom Strolla & Helen MacDonald

Worship Tech Support: Seth Forman

TO OUR VISITORS: We especially welcome those who are visiting with us today. We are delighted to have you here with us today! We invite you to fill out a Visitor Response Card found in the pew rack as well as pick up a Welcome folder from one of the racks on the stairwells to the Sanctuary. We hope you will join us again soon!

Ministers to the World:	All the Congregation	Interim Senior Minister:	Rev. Joe Zarro
Associate Minister:	Rev. Racquel Ray	Dir. Faith Formation:	Andrea Terni
Financial Secretary:	Patricia Stoddard	Music Director:	Matthew Marion
Office Administrator:	Sara Bagwell	Custodians:	Frank Lee & Barbara Lee

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