

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

Baptism of Christ

January 11th, 2026

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.



*Please freely change the wording of any part of this service to more inclusive language.
Our purpose is to worship God in wholeness.*

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively, please*)

One: In these dark and troubled times, we need the light of Christ to guide us.

All: **Shining God, show us the way!**

One: In these times of lies and ignorance, we need a God to speak a Word of truth to us.

All: **Honest God, speak to us.**

One: In these angry and fearful times, we need God to grant us wisdom and courage.

All: **Grant us wisdom, God, and grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.**

*HYMN NCH # 436

God of Grace and God of Glory

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*)

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 PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Joe Zarro

*HYMN NCH # 293

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

(Children and teachers may depart to for classes during the singing of the hymn)

PRAYERS

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 3:13-17

(New Testament, p. 3)

REFLECTION

Born Again, and Again, and Again...

Rev. Joe Zarro

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

OFFERTORY

CHORAL ANTHEM

Lead Me, Lord

Wesley

*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

*HYMN NCH # 43

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

*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.*

Large Print Bulletins and Hearing Devices are available from the Ushers.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS:

One arrangement is given by Paula Rooks and family in memory of Bill, loving husband, father and grandfather in remembrance of his 90th birthday.

The second arrangement is given by Clyde and Mary Lou Slicker in memory of Mary Lou's parents, J. Harold and Frances Van Ness, and her brother John H. Van Ness.



Ushers: Liz Wiedenhofer & Lory McCoy

Worship Tech Support: Seth Forman

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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Music Director: Matthew Marion

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