

# Barrington Presbyterian Church (USA)

Guest Pastor – Reverend Joseph C. Miller, Jr.

Organist and Director of the Adult Choir – Janice M. Aubin

August 31, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

22<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Prelude** Variations on “Fairest Lord Jesus” Woodman  
**News of the Church’s Life**

**The Call to Worship** Isaiah 40:27-31 (responsively) Dave Palmer

Leader: Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right  
is disregarded by my God”?

**People: Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator  
of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary; his  
understanding is unsearchable.**

Leader: He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the  
powerless.

**People:** Even youths will faint and be wary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

Leader: but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their  
strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.

**\*Opening Hymn No. 482** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

**Prayer of Adoration** Dave Palmer

**The Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O God. In  
difficult days, we put our trust in our own abilities and  
strength, rather than in you. In hopeless times, we listen  
to the negative things that we hear, and we get discouraged  
by the negative things that we see. Too often we expect that  
nothing will change. Help us to hope, O God. By your mercy,  
pull us into the light of your possibilities. By your grace,  
restore our relationship with you. By your love, help us to  
live as people of the covenant. With humble hearts we lift up  
our prayer to you. Amen.

**Silent Confession**

**Choral Response No. 572** “Kyrie” Merbecke  
Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Declaration of Forgiveness**

**\*Choral Response No. 579** “Gloria Patri” Greatorex  
**Special Music** “Battle Hymn of the Republic” Elizabeth and  
Rebecca Palmer

**Children’s Message:**  
Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

**\*Hymn No. 243** “We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good”

**Prayer for Understanding** Dave Palmer  
**The First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-13** (pg. 838-839 - OT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**The Second Reading: Mark 4:1-12** (pg. 46 - NT)  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “Advent in August” Rev. Joseph C. Miller, Jr.

**The Offering**  
Invitation to the Offering Dave Palmer  
Offertory “Andante” Gustav Merkel  
**\*Doxology**

**Prayer of Dedication** Dave Palmer  
**Joys and Concerns**  
**Prayers of the People**

**\*Closing Hymn No. 281** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

**The Charge and Benediction**  
**Organ Response**  
**Postlude**

\*Congregation stands, if able.