

“Inspired by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Barre Congregational Church seeks to be a welcoming and caring congregation that supports each other and serves the wider world.”

The Barre Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Sunday, August 2nd, 2026
Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: Loving God of power and justice and peace, in our broken world we seek a new order

People: Where there is courage to speak truth to power

Pastor: We seek a new order

People: Where there is mutual support in church and community

Pastor: We seek a new order

People: Where there is abundant time for healing

Pastor: We seek a new order

People: Where there is peace and freedom for all

Special Music *"Getting to Know You"*

* Opening Hymn "Called As Partners In Christ's Service" #453

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Reading from the Epistles 1 Peter 3: 13 - 16

Reading from the Gospel John 18: 28 - 38

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

One: The word of God, for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Gospel According to Broadway: The King and I

Special Music *"We Kiss in A Shadow"*

Expressions of Gratitude, Joys, and Concerns

After each prayer shared, we respond, "O Lord, hear our prayer."

Pastoral Prayer & The 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 for our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Call to the Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Praise God for all that love has done.
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

*Communion Hymn	"Lord Of Our Highest Love"	#390
-----------------	----------------------------	------

Sacrament of Holy Communion	See Booklet
-----------------------------	-------------

*Closing Hymn	"Ours the Journey"	#458
---------------	--------------------	------

Benediction

**Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

**Please sit quietly for the postlude.



If you'd like to donate to the work of the BCC, please scan the QR Code with the camera application on your cell phone. A link will pop up. Please click it and fill out the donation form.

Announcement:

Volunteers Needed on Sunday Mornings!

We need your help to make Sunday morning worship an inspiring and welcoming experience for members and friends alike. Please consider signing up as a lector (reading Scripture during the service), usher, or greeter. The blue sign up book is available at the table in the back of the sanctuary. You can also sign up by reaching out to deacons Cathy James (lectors), Bev Thomas (greeters), or Rev. James at revjames.bccucc@gmail.com.

Welcome Guests!

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today! The Barre Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is an open and affirming congregation where no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here! We are blessed by your presence with us. Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right of the sanctuary and downstairs. We heartily invite you to join us for conversation and refreshments in our Fellowship Hall following the service.

We welcome the seekers.
We welcome those who question.
We welcome those who believe without question.
It is not for us to turn anyone away.
Arms wide open.
Welcome home.

Upcoming events and meetings:

Sunday, August 2nd: Worship Service with Rev. James, 9:30 am
Sunday, August 2nd: Administration Ministry Meeting via Zoom 7 pm
Saturday, August 8th: Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8 - 9:30 am
Sunday, August 9th: Scholarship Sunday and Worship Service with Rev. James, 9:30 am
Wednesday, August 12th: Property Meeting
Wednesday, August 12th: Finance Meeting
Sunday, August 16th: Worship Service with Rev. James, 9:30 am
Tuesday, August 18th: Council Meeting
Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Linda Rodriguez, Lector
Ed Friot, Greeter
, Flowers
Pastoral Relations, Coffee Hour
Linda West, Welcome
Peter Anthony, Usher
Thank you to our volunteers for their service to the Church.