

“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



Loaves and Fishes Mosaic, 5th Century
Church of the Multiplication, Tabgha, Israel

February 1st, 2026

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell

Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

People: Jesus is the living bread!

Pastor: Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

People: Give us the bread of hope and compassion that we may also feed others.

Pastor: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

People: Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

“Let All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

#419

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.

Assurances of Grace

Reading from the Gospel

John 6: 1 - 21

Responding to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Fed Up and All Wet: Where Loaves and Waves Collide

Anthem

Expressions of Gratitude, Joys, and Concerns

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

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer (*The Lord’s Prayer will be sung, refer to insert*)

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	“Jesus Took the Bread”	Insert
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Sacrament of Holy Communion	See Booklet
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*Closing Hymn	“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”	#422
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Benediction

**Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

**Please sit quietly for the postlude.



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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 (ushers), 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, Feb. 1: Worship Service with Rev. James

Sunday, Feb. 1: Handbell Practice 11 am

Sunday, Feb. 1: New Members Class at 10:45 am

Sunday, Feb. 8: Worship Service with Rev. James

Sunday, Feb. 8: Handbell Practice 11 am

Sunday, Feb. 8: New Members Class at 10:45 am

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Property Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Finance Meeting 6 pm

Saturday, Feb. 14: Camp BCC Valentine's Event 4 pm

Sunday, Feb. 15: Worship Service with Rev. James

Sunday, Feb. 15: Handbell Practice 11 am

Wednesday, Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

, Lector

, Greeter

, Ushers

, Coffee Hour

, Welcome

Thank you to our volunteers for their service to the Church.



HOLY COMMUNION

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Jesus Took the Bread

Matt. 26:26-28; Luke 9:16; 22:19; 24:30

Ruth Duck, 1982

Unison D A F#m Bm Em7 D/A A7

1 Je - sus took the bread, dai - ly gift of God,
 2 Je - sus blessed the bread, thanked the God of grace,
 3 Je - sus broke the bread; then he poured the wine.
 4 Je - sus gives the bread at our ta - ble still,

Bm Bm7 GM7 C Em7 A7

formed of wheat and sweat and toil, sun, rain, and sod.
 thanked the One who made all worlds, all time, all space.
 Bro - ken bod - y, life poured out, God gives as sign.
 gives the cup to those who seek God's lov - ing will.

D A Bm Em F#m GM7 A7

In our hands we take gifts of bread and wine,
 Bless - ing, hon - or, praise, all to God be - long.
 Weak, a - fraid, and lost: that is when we're healed.
 Let us go in peace; let us free - ly give.

D A F#m Bm Em A7 D

gath - ered from the fields of earth, signs of love di - vine.
 Let us lift our hearts to God in a thank - ful song.
 In our hu - man bro - ken - ness: there God is re - vealed.
 shar - ing love with all the world dai - ly as we live.

Ruth Duck wrote this hymn emphasizing the actions of communion—taking, blessing, breaking, and giving the bread—following a summer study of liturgy at the University of Notre Dame. It was first used at New Hope United Church of Christ in Milwaukee.

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Tune: NEW HOPE 10.11.10.
 Ruth Duck
 Arr. Randall Sensmeier

122C • The Lord's Prayer—Setting III

Sung responsively

Sing responsively

A Bm7 C#m6 Bm7 A Bm7

Our Fa - ther Our Fa - ther in Heav - en in

C#m6 Bm7 A Bm7 C#m6 Bm7 A Bm7

Heav - en Ho - ly is your name.

C#m6 Bm7 A Bm7 C#m6 Bm7 A *Fine*

(unison) Ho - ly is your name.

Matthew 6:9-13
Adapt. Jim Scrathdee

Source Unknown
 Arr. Al Oppenheimer
 Acc. Jim Strathdee

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A
Bm7
C#m6
Bm7
A
Bm7

Your king-dom come,
 Your will be done,
 On earth as in heav-en.

The first system of the musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' in G major. It features a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The tempo is marked with a quarter note equal to 120. The system includes a repeat sign at the beginning and end of the vocal phrase. The lyrics are: 'Your king-dom come, Your will be done, On earth as in heav-en.'

C#m6
Bm7
A
Bm7
C#m6
Bm7

Give us to-day
 Our dai-ly bread
 For-give us our sins
 As we for-give those

The second system of the musical score. The vocal line continues with the lyrics: 'Give us to-day Our dai-ly bread For-give us our sins As we for-give those'. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and a steady bass line.

A
Bm7
C#m6
Bm7
A
Bm7
C#m6

who sin a-gainst us.

The third system of the musical score. The vocal line concludes with the lyrics: 'who sin a-gainst us.' The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. The system includes a repeat sign at the beginning and end of the vocal phrase.

Bm7 A Bm7 C#m6

Save us from the time
of tri - al,
and de - liv - er us
from e - vil.

Bm7 A Bm7

For the king - dom, and the pow - er, and the

C#m6 Bm7 A Bm7 C#m6

glo - ry are yours, for - ev - er.

Bm7 A Bm7 C#m6 Bm7 A Bm7 C#m6 Bm7 *D.C. al Fine*

For - ev - er, And ev - er.