

*“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



January 4th, 2026

Epiphany Sunday

Rev. Susan McKnight

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: From restless sleep and anxious dreams,

**All: Walk toward the light.**

One: From shadowy fears and gloomy thoughts,

**All: Walk in the light.**

One: From dark depressions and worried futures,

**All: Walk into the light.**

One: Upon us light has risen. This day, this moment, let the light be to us warmth and joy and saving love

Opening Words and Prayer

\*Opening Hymn

“We Three Kings”

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Prayer of Confession/Assurances of Grace

Unison Response: **Lord, renew us by your grace and set us on a new path.**

Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

Gospel Reading

Mathew 2: 1 - 12

Sermon

Anthem

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 (Unison)

**All we have is from your gracious hand, O God, and we dedicate these gifts to you in thanksgiving for this abundance. Use them for the healing and connecting of your people, we pray, so that the light of your love may shine in the lives of others. Amen.**

Communion Hymn                      “Eat This Bread” *Susie Herrick, Flute*                      #414

Service of Holy Communion

\*Closing Hymn                      “I Am the Light of the World”                      #249

Benediction

\*\*Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Please sit quietly for the postlude.



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### ***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, Dec. 28: Sunday worship service with Rev. John Campbell - Nelson  
Tuesday, Dec. 30: Deacons Meeting  
Sunday, Jan. 11: Worship Service w Rev. James. *The Wise Ones: An Advent and Christmas sermon series*  
Sunday, Jan 11: Handbell Practice 12/noon  
Sunday, Jan. 11: Video Bible Study 10:45 AM  
Tuesday, Jan 13: Property Meeting  
Wednesday, Jan. 14: Finance Meeting  
Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship Service with Rev. James  
Sunday, Jan 18: Handbell Practice 12/noon  
Sunday, Jan. 18: Video Bible Study 10:45 AM  
Tuesday, Jan. 20: Council Meeting  
*Please inform the church office of all upcoming events*

***Serving this Sunday***

Janice Avery, Lector  
Worship and Arts, Coffee Hour  
Linda West, Welcome  
*Thank you to our volunteers for their service to the Church.*

