

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Peter Anthony & Don Allen

Ushers: Donna LaFountain, Ed & Diane Blodgett, Nancy Comolli

The flowers on the altar are given by Lynn Carpenter

Welcome Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and invite you to fill out the card in the pew and join us for coffee hour. There are also nametags on the back table we invite you to wear. If you have young children, there is a space in the narthex with some coloring and books. There is also a space in the middle office, on the main floor, down the hallway, to watch our service on Facebook along with some toys.

Welcome to the Barre Congregational Church, UCC!

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Rev. Bert Marshall, *Interim Pastor*
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Mary Ann Johnson, *Parish Nurse*
Kathy Adams, *Bookkeeper*
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We are an Open & Affirming and a Just Peace Church



7th Sunday after Pentecost

**July 8, 2018
9:30 a.m.**

*“Let the beauty we love be what we do.
There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground.”*

— RUMI

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome

Prelude *Our Worship of God begins with the playing of the Prelude.
We invite you to use this time in silent prayer and preparation*

Call to Worship *from Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Welcome to this sacred place
House of prayer for many, home to all who come
Welcome to this gathering place
Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all who gather here
Come with hope or hesitation
Come with joy or yearning
All who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness
Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your Spirit.

Opening Hymn*

Morning Has Broken

CH #53

A Summer Canticle *by Arnold Kenseth*

All summer the days come to us, various, wide,
From mornings of meadows into the green dark and the nightfall of stars.
We heard the weather gathering, coming and going;
small birds were among the berries;
The grasses dried, and we felt our hearts in their swaying.
And, then, always the trees, the great combs of shade in our yards.
And the hundred thousand leaves for our watching. *(continued on next page)*

* Indicates all who are able, please stand CH=Chalice Hymnal ***Bolditalic, please read together***

All was good and gift and grand!
*And the days come on; the gift is still given.
Thy goodness stays. Thy grandeur stands.*

Sung Response*

*In the Lord (sing 3 times)
Songs & Prayers from Taize*

Musical score for 'In the Lord' in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful; in the Lord I will re - joice! Look to God; do not be a - fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.' The piano accompaniment includes chords and triplets.

Special Music

America the Beautiful

Maggie Sample, piano
Eric Tuper-Giles, organ

Time With Young Disciples

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings

*Tao Te Ching 41 [76]
2 Corinthians 12.2–10*

Meditation on the Word

Rev. Bert Marshall

Hymn*

We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

CH #684

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offertory

Sung Response*

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above you heavenly hosts, Praise Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication*

The Church at 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 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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Church Alive

Closing Hymn*

Marching to Zion

CH #707

Benediction*

Benediction Response* *Sanctuary (R. Scruggs & J. Thompson)*

*Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.*