

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*O God, we thank you for uniting us at this table in the body of Christ,
and for this meal which fills us with joy and hope.*

Grant that in the days ahead

our lips which have sung your praises

may speak the truth;

our eyes which have seen your love

may look with compassion on the needs of the world;

our hands which have held this bread and this cup

may be active in your service.

We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother. Amen.

WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Church Alive

Closing Hymn*

Pass It On

CH #477

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.

Welcome to the Barre Congregational Church, UCC!

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We are an Open & Affirming and a Just Peace Church



11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 5, 2018
9:30 a.m.

*"In the face of death, live humanly. In the middle of chaos,
celebrate the Word. Amidst babel...speak the truth."*

— WILLIAM STRINGFELLOW

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*

Christ has come to turn the world upside down:

To humble the powerful and to lift up the lowly.

Christ has come to turn the tables:

To topple vain idols and to stand with the poor.

Christ has come to proclaim God's kingdom:

To feed the hungry,

To give sight to the blind,

To strengthen the weary,

To set the captives free,

To rescue the oppressed.

Christ has come to turn the world upside down:

To overthrow the present order with a revolution of love.

Opening Hymn*

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

CH #589

A Litany for Sacred Space *Gifts in Open Hands, Tirabassi & Eddy, eds.*

Eternal God, the Architect of ages,

O Savior Jesus, Carpenter of old,

And Holy Spirit, Teacher and Interpreter,

We stand in awe, to see Your plans unfold.

* Indicates all who are able, please stand CH=Chalice Hymnal ***Bold/italic, please read together***

*For we are here, as witnesses to Your faithfulness,
In this place that was built to honor You,
For we have seen Your hand in all our laboring,
And so we come, to praise You who makes all things new.*

The prayers and praise of countless faithful people,
Here in the past claimed kinship in Your grace,
And we can feel a crowd of silent witnesses
Assembled here within this sacred place.

*And this we know, that we can trust Your promises,
Who blesses us so mightily today,
And who has given this place to meet as family,
A place to witness, and a place to teach Your way.*

O may this building ever be a cathedral
Of light and love, a haven of Your peace,
And may we bear true witness to Your purposes,
Enabling troubled souls to find release.

*O may Your people be forever faithful
To Christ, who welcomes all who choose to come,
O may His voice be heard in this community,*

And we, in generous service, ever bring them home! —Dorothy Preece, Aotearoa/New Zealand

Sung Response*

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

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid; life up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Special Music *Amazing Grace* Eric Tuper-Giles

Scripture Readings *Exodus 16.2–15
Psalm 78.18–29*

Meditation on the Word *The Bread of Angels* Rev. Bert Marshall

Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* CH#265

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 GATHER AROUND THE TABLE

Communion Hymn

*Let Us Break Bread Together
New Orleans style*

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees*
- 2. Let us drink the cup together on our knees*
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees*

Invitation

Passing the Peace of Christ*

Sacred Story

Sung Response

Holy, Holy, Holy (sing 3 times)

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: Holy are you, Lord!

CH#111

Bread of the Earth, Fruit of the Vine (*the elements are shared*)