

“Days pass and years vanish, and we walk sightless among miracles.”

— prayer offered in Jewish homes at the start of Sabbath

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 *Gifts in Open Hands, Tirabassi & Eddy, eds. [adapted, B. Marshall]*

If Jesus had been baptized in the waters of the Winooski,
would the Holy Spirit have been seen in the snow-white of a dove?

***Or in the red-black flash of a woodpecker, the standing grey of a heron,
the blue lightning of a jay?***

If Jesus had been baptized in the waters of Lake Champlain, would the Holy
Spirit have been heard in the coo of a dove?

Or in the scream of a gull, the call of a loon, the hoot of a great horned owl?

The voices of the Spirit are many.

The wings of the Spirit are both great and small.

The flight of the Spirit carries us to forever,

But only if we look and listen to the unexpected and the everyday.

Let us open our eyes to the Holy Spirit's passage.

Let us open our ears to the Holy Spirit's song.

Let us open our lives to the Holy Spirit's yearning.

Come, let us open our hearts to the Holy Spirit's presence! —RICHARD BOTT, Canada

Opening Hymn* *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* CH#7

Responsive Reading* *Psalms 146* CH#766

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; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.***

Anthem

Sing the Lord's Song

Chancel Choir

Young Disciples Time

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cooper William Millet

Invitation & Address

Questions of the Parents

Congregational Assent

(unison response): ***We promise our love, support, and care***

Affirmation of Faith (United Church of Christ)*

CH#361

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

Hymn*

Bornng Cry

CH#75

Presentations

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings

Mark 7.24–30

Meditation on the Word

Rev. Bert Marshall

Hymn*

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

CH#461

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

Closing Hymn*

Shall We Gather at the River

CH#701

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.***

Postlude

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.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: Bronwen Neal & Kevin McConnell

Ushers: Karen Gordon, Pam Murphy, Marjorie & Ernie Wheeler

Reader: Ritva LaFlower

Coffee Hour: Deacons

*We welcome the family of Jessica and Robert Millett today
as we celebrate the baptism of their son, Cooper William Millett*

Welcome to the Barre Congregational Church, UCC!

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We are an Open & Affirming and a Just Peace Church