

*“Blessed is your name, blessed is the confession of your name...
Arouse my heart again with the limitless breath you breathe into me,
arouse the secret from obscurity.”*

— LEONARD COHEN (*Book of Mercy*)

Rainstick (*signals time for worship to being*)

Welcome

Gathering Music

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship *Gifts of Many Cultures*, Tirabassi & Eddy, eds.

We come just as we are to worship. We come to this time to give,
and to receive, in Jesus' name.

***A blank canvas stands before us, outlined by expectations of the familiar
and patterns from the history of our church.***

Upon this canvas, Lord, we are about to put the colors, the textures,
the shapes of our service to you.

***Here we will sketch an outline, and upon that outline we invite you to create
the image of your truth:***

Something to carry us through the coming days,

Something to build on our frailties, our shortcomings, our human weaknesses,

That your Breath, your Spirit, may take what we all offer now,

And bring into creation a painting of Love, Truth, and Grace for your realm

here on earth. —Alan K. Webster, Aotearoa (New Zealand), adapted by B. Marshall

Opening Hymn*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Litany of Thanksgiving* *Gifts of Many Cultures*, Tirabassi & Eddy, eds.

We thank you, God, for this land – our place of belonging – and for all lands everywhere in your world.

We thank you for the sight of towering mountain peaks, rolling countryside, checkered plains, multi-hued bush.

We thank you for the sounds of loons and owls, rushing mountain streams, gurgling brooks, ocean waves pounding the shores, the silence of solitary places.

We thank you for the smell of rain-soaked forests, town gardens' perfumes, fresh frosted air, the earth itself.

We thank you for the touch of soft moist moss, sharp mountain rocks, smooth coastal stones,

And for crisp leaf and snow, tender hands of friends and lovers, the heart-beat of all that lives. —Bill Wallace, Aotearoa (New Zealand), adapted by B. Marshall

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

For the Autumn Sky

Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Young Disciples Time

Scripture Readings

*Psalm 1 (Stephen Michell, trans.)
Mark 8.27–38*

Meditation on the Word

Rev. Bert Marshall

Hymn*

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

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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

Closing Hymn*

We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

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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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeter: *Pam Murphy*

Ushers: *Sherry & Don Singer, Marjorie & Ernie Wheeler*

Reader: *Linda Rodriguez*

The flowers on the altar are in loving memory Rosemary Wheelock

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.

CALENDAR

Today (9/23)	9:30 am	<i>Sabbath Worship</i>
Monday (9/24)	8:00 am	<i>Strong Living</i>
	1:00 pm	<i>Woodcarvers</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>AA</i>
Tuesday (9/25)	7:00 am	<i>Community Breakfast</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>Laundry Love at Busy Bubble</i>
Wednesday (9/26)	8:00 am	<i>Strong Living</i>
	12:00 pm	<i>"Chicken Picking"</i>
	6:00 pm	<i>Cottage Meeting</i>
Thursday (9/27)	10:00 am	<i>"Veggie Prep"</i>
	6:15 pm	<i>Chancel Choir</i>
Friday (9/28)	5:30-7:30	<i>Chicken Pie Supper</i>
Saturday (9/29)	7:00 am	<i>Community Breakfast</i>
	8:00 am	<i>Strong Living</i>
	8:00 pm	<i>AA</i>
Sunday (9/30)	9:30 am	<i>Sabbath Worship</i>
	11:30 am	<i>Cottage Meeting</i>

Welcome to the Barre Congregational Church, UCC!

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We are an Open & Affirming and a Just Peace Church