

*“You ask why I make my home in the mountain forest,
and I smile, and am silent, and even my soul remains quiet:
it lives in the other world which no one owns.
The peach trees blossom. The water flows.”*

— Li Po (701-762)

Rainstick (*signals time for worship to begin*)

Welcome & the Passing of the Clipboard

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship *The New Hebrew Union Prayer Book [adapted]*

Inexhaustible God: You flow out, burst out, overflow;
you fill the endless worlds.

***You have poured yourself into universes beyond thought,
and they cannot contain you.***

You are the world's beginning; this world bears witness to you.

What shall we call you, whom we do not know? How shall we speak to you?

We look and listen and struggle to experience your presence in this world.

In joy, in awe, in love, and in praise we seek to know you.

Holy, Holy, Holy – hidden God, the One who creates and sustains and redeems,

***We've come to hear your Word, to sing your praise, to feel your presence,
to be your beloved community in this place.***

Opening Hymn*

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

CH#95

A Winter Canticle* by Arnold Kenseth

O God, your gifts abound where we are:

The dart and whirl of winter birds,

Snowfall on hills and drift in the valleys,

Children booting home from school,

Food and laughter at the table,

Hands that sew and bake, love walking toward us.

So much, so much, and everywhere,

And everyday given over and over!

And yourself, in the midst of it all: calling our names,

Clearing the way, and keeping the watch!

Amen and amen and amen.

Sung Response*

In the Lord

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. (sing 3 times)

Anthem

Jesus Is My Lord

Chancel Choir

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Young Disciples Time

Scripture

Matthew 6.25–33

Book of Mercy 19 (Leonard Cohen)

The Clipboard Returns

The Word in Song

Rev. Bert Marshall

Hymn*

Of Eternal Love Begotten

CH#104

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 (*A literal translation from the Aramaic*)

Our Father who is throughout the universe, let your name be set apart. Come your kingdom. Let your desire be, as in the universe, also on the earth. Give us bread for our necessities this day. And free us from our offenses, as also we have freed our offenders. And do not let us enter into temptation, but set us free from error. For belongs to you the kingdom, power, and song, From ages to ages, sealed in faithfulness. *Rocco A. Errico, translator*

WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

The Church Alive

Closing Hymn*

Come, O Long Expected Jesus

CH#125

Benediction*

Benediction Response*

Sanctuary

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

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeters: *Jan, Brady & Cameron Aldrich*

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

Reader: *Lindsey Benton*

Coffee Hour: *Hannah Rohloff*

CALENDAR

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|-------------------|----------|---|
| Today (11/25) | 9:30 am | <i>Sabbath Worship</i> |
| | 10:45 am | <i>Blood Pressure Screenings</i> |
| | 11:30 am | <i>Advent Bible Study begins</i> |
| Monday (11/26) | 8:00 am | <i>Strong Living</i> |
| | 1:00 pm | <i>Woodcarvers</i> |
| | 6:00 pm | <i>AA</i> |
| Tuesday (11/27) | 7:00 am | <i>Community Breakfast</i> |
| | 10:30 am | <i>Christmas Dinner Meeting</i> |
| | 4:30 pm | <i>Capstone meeting</i> |
| | 6:30 pm | <i>Deacons</i> |
| Wednesday (11/28) | 8:00 am | <i>Strong Living</i> |
| | 12:00 pm | <i>Williamstown School Group</i> |
| | 6:00 pm | <i>Scouts</i> |
| Thursday (11/29) | 6:00 | <i>Scouts</i> |
| | 6:15 pm | <i>Chancel Choir</i> |
| | 7:30 pm | <i>Chancel Bells</i> |
| Friday (11/30) | | |
| Saturday (12/1) | 7:00 am | <i>Community Breakfast</i> |
| | 8:00 am | <i>Strong Living</i> |
| | 8:00 pm | <i>AA</i> |
| Sunday (12/2) | 9:30 am | <i>Sabbath Worship</i> |

Welcome to the Barre Congregational Church, UCC!

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