

*“Inspired by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Barre Congregational Church seeks to be a welcoming and caring congregation that supports each other and serves the wider world.”*

The Barre Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ



Wedding at Cana by Lyuba Yatskiv, Ukraine, 2017

**January 18th, 2026**  
Second Sunday After Epiphany

**Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell**  
*Pastor*

## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

Pastor: O Lord, open our lips,

**People: And our mouths shall declare your praise.**

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes,

**People: So that we may behold your presence.**

Pastor: O Lord, open our ears,

**People: So that we may hear your call to follow.**

Pastor: O Lord, open our hearts,

**People: So that we may offer you worship in love and joy.**

\* Opening Hymn

“O Morning Star”

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#### Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Faithful God,**

**you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost yet it's hard to recognize when we have lost our way. We seek the next new thing instead of your gift of new life. We follow the trends of our culture rather than Jesus' example. Wash over us with your cleansing Spirit, and renew our commitment to follow your purposes revealed in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

### Assurances of Grace

Reading from the New Testament

1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9

John 2: 1 - 12

#### Responding to the Word

One: The word of God, for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

A Miraculous Wedding

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell

Anthem

#### Expressions of Gratitude, Joys, and Concerns

*After each prayer shared, we respond, “O Lord, hear our prayer.”*

Pastoral 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 for 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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

\*Hymn

“Sing of God Made Manifest”

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Call to the Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures high and low.  
Praise God for all that love has done.  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

\*Closing Hymn

“Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word”

Insert

Benediction

\*\*Postlude

\*Please stand if you are able.

\*\*Please sit quietly for the postlude.



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## **Welcome Guests!**

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us today! The Barre Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is an open and affirming congregation where no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here! We are blessed by your presence with us. Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right of the sanctuary and downstairs. We heartily invite you to join us for conversation and refreshments in our Fellowship Hall following the service.

We welcome the seekers.

We welcome those who question.

We welcome those who believe without question.

It is not for us to turn anyone away.

Arms wide open.

Welcome home.

### **Upcoming events and meetings:**

Sunday, Jan. 18: Worship Service with Rev. James

Sunday, Jan 18: Handbell Practice 11 am

Monday, Jan. 19: Martin Luther King JR Day, Church Closed

Tuesday, Jan. 20: Council Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 25: Worship Service with Rev. James

Sunday, Jan 25: Handbell Practice 11 am

Tuesday, Jan 27: Deacons Meeting

*Please inform the church office of all upcoming events*

### **Serving this Sunday**

, Lector

, Greeter

, Ushers

, Coffee Hour

, Welcome

*Thank you to our volunteers for their service to the Church.*



GOD'S WORD

## Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word 239

LIEBSTER JESU

1. Bless - èd Je - sus, at Thy Word we are gath - ered  
 2. All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3. Glo - rious Lord, Thy - self im - part! Light of Light from  
 4. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to Thee and

all to hear Thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed, till Thy Spir - it breaks our night  
 God pro-ceed - ing, o - pen Thou our ears and heart,  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we Thy Word may trust

now to seek and love and fear Thee; by Thy teach - ings  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; Thou a - lone to  
 help us by Thy Spir - it's plead - ing, hear the cry Thy  
 and ob - tain true con - so - la - tion while we here be -

sweet and ho - ly drawn from earth to love Thee sole - ly.  
 God canst win us; Thou must work all good with - in us.  
 peo - ple rais - es, hear and bless our pray'r's and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, till we sing Thy prais - es yon - der.

WORDS: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663, sts. 1-3; *Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein*, 1707, st. 4; 7.8.7.8.8.8  
 tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, sts. 1-3; unknown, st. 4

MUSIC: Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 18th cent., alt.