

“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



Panorama of the southern end of the
Sea of Galilee (Lake Kinnereth), Israel, 2014

Sunday, September 20th, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Pastor: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

People: What have we to fear?

Pastor: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

People: Of whom shall we be afraid?

Pastor: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

People: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us. Amen.

* Opening Hymn

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

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Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

God of love and power, we listen to the stories of miracles and doubt that these things can happen today. We look at the waves of misfortune, distress, misery, distrust, and anger and wonder how we can still those waves. We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding into our lives, threatening to drown us and wonder where you are. Forgive us for the littleness of our faith. Forgive us for our doubts. Help us to place out trust in you, Lord Jesus. Help us to fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 9: 1 - 3

Readings from the Gospels

Mark 4: 35 - 41

Mark 16: 1 - 7

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus On the Sea of Galilee

Anthem

"Come Follow Me"

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

“O Sing A Song Of Bethlehem”

Insert

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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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Benediction

**Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

**Please sit quietly for the postlude.



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Announcement:

The Barre Congregational Church member per capita dues are now due for the 2026/27 year. It amounts to 16.72\$ per member.

Volunteers Needed on Sunday Mornings!

We need your help to make Sunday morning worship an inspiring and welcoming experience for members and friends alike. Please consider signing up as a lector (reading Scripture during the service), usher, or greeter. The blue sign up book is available at the table in the back of the sanctuary. You can also sign up by reaching out to deacons Cathy James (lectors), Bev Thomas (greeters), or Rev. James at revjames.bccucc@gmail.com.

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, September 20th: Worship Service with Rev. James & Sunday School
Handbell Practice 8:00 am
Choir Practice 8:45 am
Fall Bible Study at BCC 11: 15 am
Rescheduled Administration Ministry Meeting 12:30 pm
Saturday, September 26th: Saturday Morning Breakfast 8 - 9:30 am
Sunday, September 27th: Worship Service with Rev. James & Sunday School
Handbell Practice 8:00 am
Choir Practice 8:45 am
Fall Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church 11:15 am
Tuesday, September 29th: Deacons Meeting
Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Susie Herrick, Lector
Cary Friberg, Greeter
, Flowers
Administration Ministry, Coffee Hour
, Welcome
Peter Anthony, Usher
Thank you to our volunteers for their service to the Church.

159 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of sun-ny days of joy;
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less boy.
 of him who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still.
 of him who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way.

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day.
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow.
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, dark seas of trou-ble roll,
 For he who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave,

Of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.
 Now spreads the fame of his dear name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Mas-ter's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
 and Christ, our Lord, by heaven a-dored, is might-y now to save.

This hymn created by a noted Presbyterian hymnal editor and scholar employs place names and sensory images (light, fragrance, wind) to sketch the events of Christ's life. The tune name commemorates the village in Sussex where the arranger first heard the traditional melody.