

“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



Ruins of Capernaum, Israel

Sunday, September 6th, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell

Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

Pastor: Sing to God a new song.

People: We will worship God, our Maker!

Pastor: Let us praise God with song and dance,

People: For God is gracious and loving!

Pastor: Let us bring God glory and honour,

People: Praise the Lord.

* Opening Hymn

“We Meet You, O Christ”

#183

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Reading from the Epistles

Philippians 2: 1- 11

Readings from the Gospels

Matthew 4: 12 - 17

Mark 2: 1 - 5

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus In Capernaum

*Hymn

“O Sing A Song of Bethlehem”

Insert

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.

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

*Communion Hymn	“Come, Share the Lord”	#408
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Sacrament of Holy Communion

*Closing Hymn	“What A Friend We Have In Jesus”	#585
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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:

Saturday, September 5th: Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:30 am

Sunday, September 6th: Worship Service with Rev. James, 9:30 am

Sunday, September 6th: Administration Meeting, 7 pm (*via Zoom*)

Wednesday, September 9th: Property Meeting, 5:00 pm

Wednesday, September 9th: Finance Meeting

Saturday, September 12th: Saturday Morning Breakfast, 8:00 - 9:30 am

Sunday, September 13th: Rebound Sunday;

8:00 AM Handbell Choir

8:45 AM Chancel Choir

9:30 AM Worship Service with Rev. James & Sunday School

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Cookout (*Please RSVP with the church office*)

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

, Lector

, Greeter

, Flowers

, Coffee Hour

, Welcome

, 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,

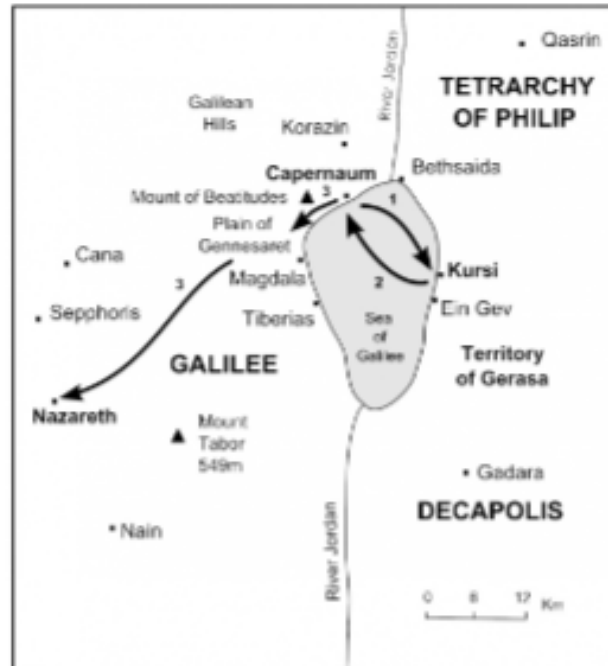
and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air.
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less boy.
 of him who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still.
 of him who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way.

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.





Excavated ruins of the home of St. Peter, photo by Rev. James, 2010