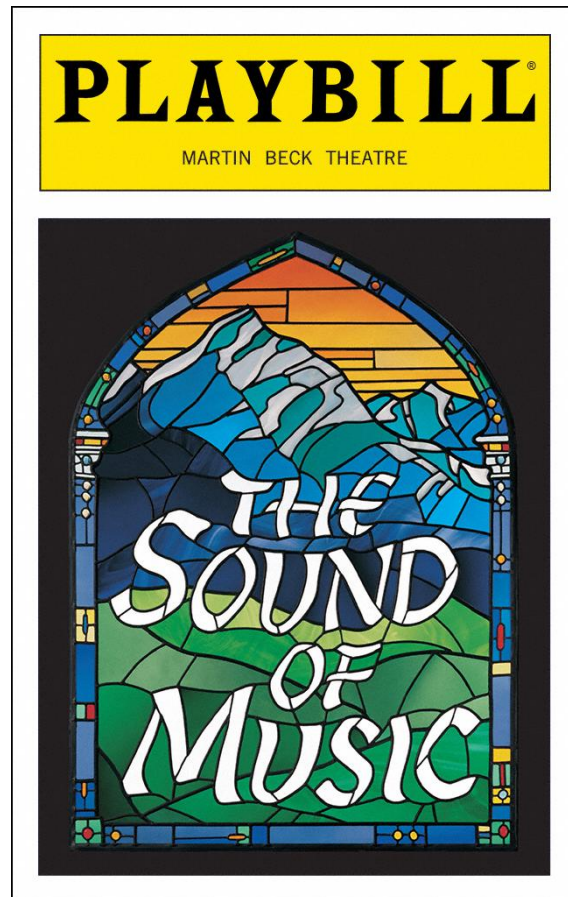


“Inspired by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Barre Congregational Church seeks to be a welcoming and caring congregation that supports each other and serves the wider world.”

The Barre Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Sunday, August 9th, 2026

Scholarship Sunday

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell

Pastor

Please stay in your seats if you wish to watch Camp BCC campers perform “The Santa Trap,” a short Christmas in July-themed play written and directed by Alan Kessler

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: The hills are alive with the sound of music. With songs they have sung for a thousand years. The hills fill my heart with the sound of music

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Pastor: My heart wants to sigh like a chime that flies from a church on a breeze

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Pastor: I go to the hills when my heart is lonely; I know I will hear what I've heard before. My heart will be blessed with the sound of music, and I'll sing once more

People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Special Music

"The Sound of Music"

* Opening Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

#2

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Holy and merciful God, In your presence we confess our sinfulness and our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us , O LORD, for we are sorry, for anything we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Reading from the Psalter

Psalm 121

Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 26: 26 - 30

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Gospel According to Broadway: The Sound of Music

Special Music

"Something Good"

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.

Special Music

“Edelweiss”

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

“When In Our Music God Is Glorified”

#7

Benediction

**Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

**Please sit quietly for the postlude.



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Announcement:

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, August 9th: Scholarship Sunday and Worship Service with Rev. James, 9:30 am
& Special Camp BCC Skit

Wednesday, August 12th: Property Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th: Finance Meeting

Sunday, August 16th: Worship Service with Rev. James, 9:30 am

Tuesday, August 18th: Council Meeting

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Cary Friberg, Lector

Bev Thomas, Greeter

, Flowers

Choir, Coffee Hour

, Welcome

, Usher

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