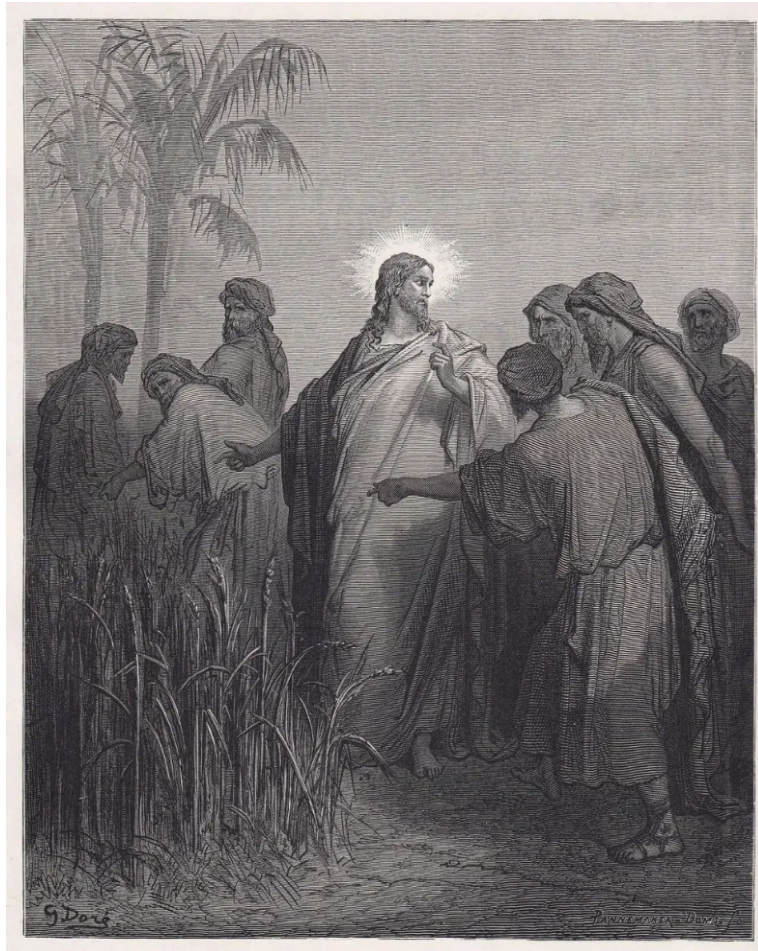


“Inspired by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Barre Congregational Church seeks to be a welcoming and caring congregation that supports each other and serves the wider world.”

The Barre Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Jesus and the Disciples in the Cornfield
by Gustave Doré, 1866

Sunday, October 4th, 2026
World Communion Sunday

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to see for ourselves who this Jesus person is.

Pastor: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come with open hearts to experience Jesus

Pastor: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to follow Jesus

Pastor: Come and see, come and see!

People: We come to deepen our relationship with God.

Pastor: Come and see, come and see!

People: Yes, Lord, we come to follow you!

* Opening Hymn

“More About Jesus Would I Know”

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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

Romans 10: 14 - 17

Readings from the Gospels

John 1: 35 - 42

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Make a Decision

Anthem

“The Upper Room”

Expressions of Gratitude, Joys, and Concerns

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

Pastoral Prayer (*Prayer Response*)

Pastor: ...Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

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

"One Bread, One Body"

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

See booklet

*Closing Hymn

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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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.

Announcements:

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.

Upcoming events and meetings:

Sunday, October 4th: Handbell Practice 8:00 am

Choir Practice 8:45 am

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

Fall Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church 11:15 am

Administration Ministry Meeting 7 pm

Saturday, October 10th: Saturday Morning Breakfast

Sunday, October 11th: Handbell Practice 8:00 am

Choir Practice 8:45 am

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

Fall Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church 11:15 am

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Peter Anthony, Lector

, Greeter

, Flowers

Pastoral Relations, Coffee Hour

, Welcome

Peter Anthony, Usher

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