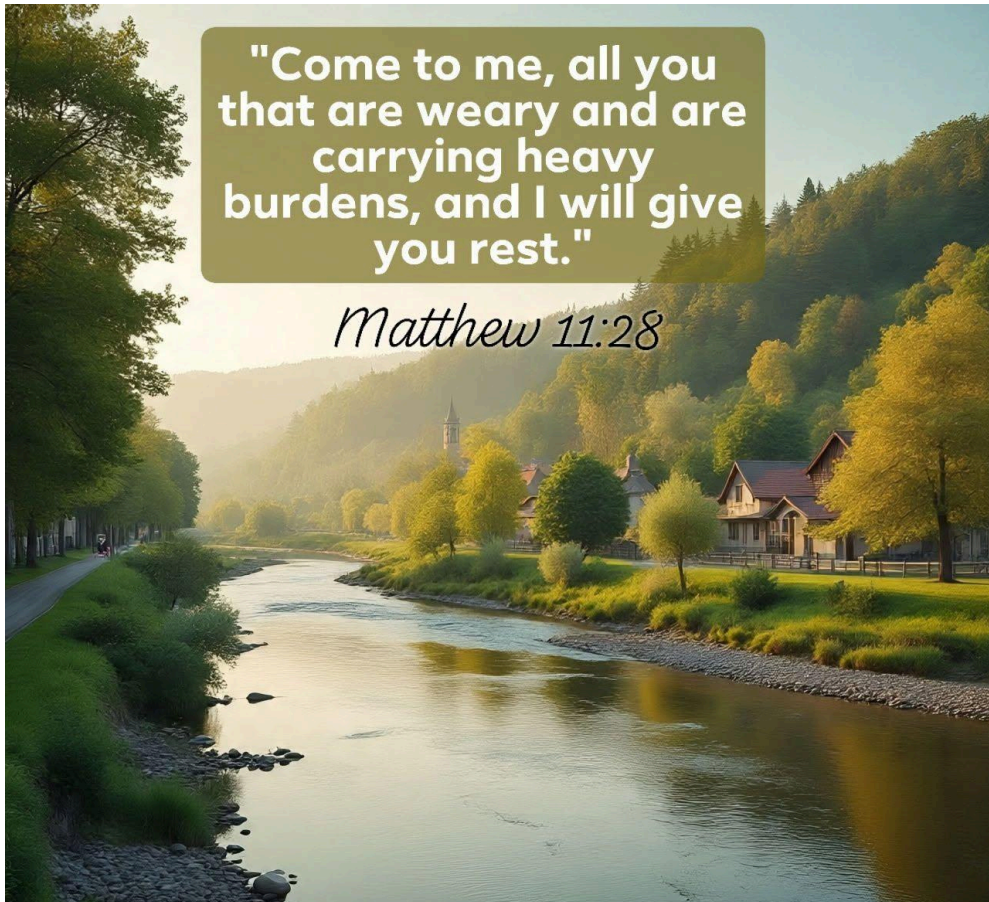


"Inspired by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Barre Congregational Church seeks to be a welcoming and caring congregation that supports each other and serves the wider world."

The Barre Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Sunday, July 5th, 2026
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. Carol Ann Barker

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

People: The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

Pastor: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all those who are bowed down.

People: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

* Opening Hymn

“The God of Abraham Praise”

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Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Almighty God: in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack, and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed, and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you; through our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Reading from the Old Testament

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

People of the Promise

Anthem

Expressions of Gratitude, Joys, and Concerns

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

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: ...Bring healing, bring peace

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

*Closing Hymn “God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand” #725

Benediction

Sung Benediction Let There Be Peace on Earth

**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, July 5th: Worship Service 9:30 am with Rev. Carol Ann Barker

Wednesday, July 8th: Property Meeting 5 pm

Wednesday, July 8th: Finance Meeting

Sunday, July 13th: Worship Service 9:30 am with Rev. James

Wednesday, July 15th: Deacons Potluck, Barre Town Pavilion

Sunday, July 19th: Worship Service 9:30 am with Rev. James, First day of Sunday School

Sunday, July 19th: Administration Meeting 7 pm via Zoom

Monday, July 20th: Day 1 of Camp BCC

Tuesday, July 21st: Council Meeting

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Nancy O'Leary, Lector

Marjorie Lowery, Greeter

Cary Friberg, Flowers

Mission and Outreach, Coffee Hour

Jackie Johnson, Welcome

Linda West, Usher

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