

*“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



Fearless Girl by Kristen Visbal, 2017  
Raging Bull by Arturo Di Modica, 1989  
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Sunday, June 14th, 2026  
Third Sunday After Pentecost  
Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell  
*Pastor*

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song;

let all the people of the earth sing a new song unto the Lord.

**People: We will sing praises to the Lord and proclaim the salvation of the Lord all our days. We will proclaim the glory of the Lord to all the nations and the Lord's marvelous deeds to all peoples.**

Pastor: For the Lord is great and worthy of praise above all gods.

**People: Our idols in this world are only that, just idols, but the Lord God created the heavens and the earth. Splendor, Majesty and Glory surround the presence of the Lord.**

Pastor: Let all the peoples in all the nations of the earth ascribe to the Lord the glory and honor due the name of the Lord of all creation.

**People: We will worship the Lord with praise and say to all people, "The Lord Reigns!" For the justice of the Lord will be established over all the earth.**

\* Opening Hymn

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

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Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**Sovereign God,**

**We confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power and wealth, fame and security.**

**We confess we have fallen into the ways of this World and have forgotten our kindred in Christ.**

**We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us.**

**Forgive us.**

**Call us into Your reign, to declare You the One who has power over us because Your power is love.**

**Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Assurances of Grace

Reading from the Old Testament

Exodus 20: 1 - 6, 32: 1 -6, 19 - 20

Reading from the Gospels

Luke 4: 1 - 13

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

American Idol

Anthem

Expressions of Gratitude, Joys, and Concerns

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

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response:

Pastor: God of the earth and all its peoples,

**People: Let your light shine!**

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

“Cast Down, O God, The Idols”

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

“God of Earth and Altar”

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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](mailto: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:**

Tuesday, June 16th: Council Meeting

Friday, June 17th: Zoom Conversation on Baptizing America with Rev. Beau Underwood

Friday, June 19th: Juneteenth (*Church offices closed*)

Sunday, June 21st: Handbell Practice 8:00 am

Sunday, June 21st: Worship Service 9:30 am

Sunday, June 21st: Administration Ministry Meeting 7 pm (*Via Zoom*)

Sunday, June 28th: Handbell Practice 8:00 am

Sunday, June 28th: Worship Service 9:30 am

Tuesday, June 30th: Deacons Meeting

*Please inform the church office of all upcoming events*

**Serving this Sunday**

Cathy James, Lector

Karen Gordon, Greeter

Finance, Coffee Hour

Linda West, Welcome

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

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1 Cast down, O God, the i - dols that hold us in their power,  
 2 In vain we search for mean - ing where tran - sient joys a - bound,  
 3 O God, we have our be - ing in you and you a - lone.

F/A C7/G F B<sup>b</sup>6 E/C C C7 F

the emp - ty gods we wor - ship when dark - ness has its hour.  
 and seek the soul's con - tent - ment where peace can - not be found.  
 Re - call us from our wan - derings; re - claim us as your own.

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We bow to oth - er mas - ters and by their prom - ise live.  
 We wan - der, lost and home - less, in end - less, aim - less quest,  
 Re - store in us the im - age re - vealed in Christ, your Word.

F/A B<sup>b</sup> F/A C7/G F C7 F

Re - deem our way - ward pas - sions; our re - bel wills for - give.  
 our hearts for - ev - er rest - less, un - til in you they rest.  
 till heart and will pay hom - age to him, our God and Lord.