

*“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



December 28th, 2025

Rev. John Campbell - Nelson

## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

### Call to Worship

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: We will be glad and rejoice in it.**

Pastor: We look forward to the New Year that God has prepared for us.

**People: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: In Christ God has made all things new.

**All: Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.**

### \*Opening Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

#67

### Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**Gracious God, we give you thanks for this passing year, for all the joys and blessings we have received. And yet there is also much that we regret, much that brings pain to remember and shame to admit, in our private lives, in our community and our nation. Forgive us. Help us to leave our sins behind that we may enter the New Year with renewed faithfulness and courage. Amen.**

### Assurances of Grace

#### Reading from the Old Testament

Jeremiah 31:31-34

#### Reading from the Gospel

Mark 20:21-22

### Responding to the Word

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### \*Hymn

When God is a Child

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### Sermon

### Anthem

### 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

\*Closing Hymn

Spirit

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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.

**Upcoming events and meetings:**

Sunday, Dec. 28: Sunday worship service with Rev. John Campbell - Nelson

Sunday, Dec. 28: Handbell Practice 12/noon

Sunday, Dec. 28: Video Bible Study 10:45 AM

Tuesday, Dec. 30: Deacons Meeting

*Please inform the church office of all upcoming events*

***Serving this Sunday***

Janice Avery, Lector

Worship and Arts, Coffee Hour

Linda West, Welcome

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

