

*“The birds and beasts all call out in sorrow,  
and however senseless they seem at first, they’ve reached  
into the depths of heaven.”* – MENG CHIAO (751-814 C.E.)

Rainstick & Welcome

Gathering Music

### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

Call to Worship *The New Union Prayer Book*

Carl Elwert

On this day we would see the world in a new light.

***On this day we would add new spirit to our lives.***

On this day we would taste a new time of peace.

***We would rest from desire for gain, ambition for things.***

We would raise our eyes to look beyond time and space, toward eternity.

***God of all Creation, help us to see the world in a new light.***

Bless your people as we gather for worship this morning.

***Bless us, O God, and be with us in Spirit and Truth.***

Opening Hymn\*

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

**CH#2**

Responsive Reading

*Psalm 37.1–11,39–40*

*Translation by Robert Alter*

Do not be incensed by evildoers. Do not envy those who do wrong.

***For like grass they will quickly wither and like green grass they will fade.***

Trust in the Lord and do good. Dwell in the land and keep faith.

***Take pleasure in the Lord, that He grant you your heart's desire.***

Direct your way to the Lord. Trust Him and He will act.

***And He will bring forth your cause like the light, and your justice like high noon.***

Be still before the Lord and await Him. Do not be incensed by him who prospers, by the man who devises schemes.

***Let go of wrath and forsake rage. Do not be incensed to do evil.***

For evildoers will be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

***And very soon, the wicked will be no more. You will look at his place – he'll be gone.***

And the poor shall inherit the earth and take pleasure from great well-being.

The rescue of the just is from the Lord, their stronghold in time of distress.

***And the Lord will help them and free them, He will free them from the wicked and rescue them, for they have sheltered in Him.***

Sung Response\*

*In The Lord  
from Songs & Prayers of Taize*

***In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!***

***Look to God, do not be afraid; lift up your voices, the Lord is near;***

***Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.*** (sing 3 times)

Anthem

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

Chancel Choir

## **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

Young Disciples Times

A Moment for Scouting

Travis Verret

Scripture

*Luke 6.27-38*

Meditation on the Word

Rev. Bert Marshall

## **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

Hymn\*

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**CH#585**

Offering

Sung Response\*

*Doxology*

*(sung to the tune: What Star Is This with Beams so Bright)*

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above you heavenly hosts, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication\*

The Church at Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

***Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will  
be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive  
us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and  
the glory forever. Amen.***

## **WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

The Church Alive

Closing Hymn\*

*God of Grace & God of Glory*

**CH#464**

Benediction\*

Benediction Response\*

*Sanctuary*

***Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.***

Postlude

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## **ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Greeters:** *Scouts*

**Ushers:** *Carl Elwert, Jan Aldrich, & scouts*

**Readers:** *Carl Elwert, Ilene Gillander*

**Coffee Hour:** *Scouts*

## CALENDAR

Today (2/24)	9:30 am	<b><i>Sabbath Worship – Scout Sunday</i></b>
	10:45 am	<b><i>Organ Committee</i></b>
	11:30 am	<b><i>Bible Study</i></b>
Monday (2/25)	8:00 am	<b><i>Strong Living</i></b>
	1:00 pm	<b><i>Woodcarvers</i></b>
	6:00 pm	<b><i>AA</i></b>
	6:00 pm	<b><i>Property</i></b>
Tuesday (2/26)	7:00 am	<b><i>Community Breakfast</i></b>
	6:00 pm	<b><i>Laundry Love</i></b>
	6:30 pm	<b><i>Deacons</i></b>
Wednesday (2/27)	8:00 am	<b><i>Strong Living</i></b>
	6:00 pm	<b><i>Scouts</i></b>
Thursday (2/28)	7:30 am	<b><i>Meditation</i></b>
	6:30 pm	<b><i>Scouts</i></b>
	6:15 pm	<b><i>Chancel Choir</i></b>
	7:30 pm	<b><i>Chancel Bell Ringers</i></b>
Friday (3/1)	7:30 am	<b><i>Meditation</i></b>
Saturday (3/2)	7:00 am	<b><i>Community Breakfast</i></b>
	8:00 am	<b><i>Strong Living</i></b>
	8:00 pm	<b><i>AA</i></b>
Sunday (3/3)	9:30 am	<b><i>Sabbath Worship – Rev. Lynn Bujnak preaching</i></b>
	11:30 am	<b><i>Bible Study</i></b>

## Welcome to the Barre Congregational Church, UCC!

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