

LENT

4TH
SUNDAY

*"You surround me with glad cries
of deliverance" -Psalm 32*

*"It may be that when we no longer know what to do
we have come to our real work,
and that when we no longer know which way to go
we have come to our real journey.
The mind that is not baffled is not employed.
The impeded stream is the one that sings."*

— WENDELL BERRY

Rainstick & Welcome

Gathering Music

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship *Isaiah 12:2-6*

Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust and will not be afraid.

For the Lord God is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation: and in that day all of you will say:

Give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord: make known among the nations what the Lord has done, proclaim that the name of the Lord is exalted.

Sing praises for the Lord has triumphed gloriously: let this be known in all the earth.

Shout and sing for joy you people of God: for great in your midst is the Holy One.

Opening Hymn*

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

CH#67

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading

Luke 15.11b-32

Anthem

Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord

Chancel Choir

Young Disciples Time

Reception of New Members

Bonnie Finn, Jackie Johnson, & Samn Stockwell

Invitation & Opening Words

Questions of the Candidates

UCC Affirmation of Faith*

CH#361

Welcome & Reception

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Prayer

Presentation of Gifts

Sung Response*

In The Lord - 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)***

Meditation

Rev. Bert Marshall

Hymn*

We Call Ourselves Disciples

CH#357

Praying with the Psalms

Psalm 32

Response: ***You preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.***

Silence

Prayers of the People - Your Joys & Concerns

Please come forward to light a prayer candle for your joy or concern during the singing

O Lord, Hear My Prayer - Songs & Prayers of Taize

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Silence

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 RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Offering of our Gifts

Sung Response*

Doxology

***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*

WE DEPART TO SERVE AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Farewell to Sandy Lewis

Closing Hymn*

Shall We Gather at the River

CH#701

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 *Please be seated as the light is carried out and the Postlude is played*

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Greeter: *Amanda Pugliese*

Ushers: *Nancy Fowler, Deanna Booth, Anna Coon, Angie Bisson*

Reader: *Alicia Tosi*

Coffee Hour: *Deacons*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Samn Stockwell

I live with Jackie Johnson, and we have been together for over 30 years. I teach English courses and psychology courses at CCV. I have a graduate degree in creative writing and a graduate degree in special education.

I go to church because I want to be in a community of people seeking to live with greater love and compassion. I go to church to connect particularly with the parts of myself that allow to be a more generous and kinder person, and to be feel closer to the divinity of the world. I want a church that challenges me intellectually, deepens me spiritually, and allows me to give of my talents.

Jackie Johnson

I am a lifelong Vermonter, who worked in human services for many years, am now a sometimes CCV instructor, and volunteer as a guardian ad litem in the family court system.

After high school in Montpelier, I left Vermont to attend Temple University in Philadelphia – a bit of a culture shock – and ended up back in Vermont several years later for the birth of my first child. I completed my MA in Theology at St. Michael's when motherhood became less demanding.

My life and work in churches has been long and complicated including children's time, choir, community dinners, and preaching. Though born and baptized at East Corinth Congregational Church which joined the UCC when it formed, I have also attended Methodist, Episcopal, and occasionally Catholic services. I have seen that this church, our church, is able to bring together compassion among many and for many in a setting explicitly recognizing the teachings of Jesus.

Bonnie Finn

I was born in Newport, Rhode Island, raised a Catholic and attended a Catholic grammar school. I married at a young age and had two wonderful children...Amanda

(who I believe you might know) and Nicholas. In RI, I was the sales and marketing director for a natural food company, I started my own business doing desktop publishing and worked many waitressing positions. I worked on two congressional campaigns for a man who won both times.

I worked at Gesine's, a bakery/coffee shop in Montpelier (owned by Sandra Bullock's sister) until 2008, when I started working for the state at my current job as a Judicial Education Analyst. Last summer, I was asked to be an interim Guardian ad Litem Coordinator until a permanent person could be found. The work is incredibly rewarding and interesting.

Amanda invited me to attend Christmas Eve service at Barre Congregational a few years ago. I went and continued to attend Sunday service, sporadically at first and then more religiously (see what I did there?). I have enjoyed coming back to church and am looking forward to becoming an official member.

I feel very fortunate to live close to my daughter Amanda, her husband Jim and my grandson James. My son Nick is married to Danielle and they have two wonderful children, Ben who is 4 1/2 and full of mischief and Izzy who is 3 and is also full of mischief. They live in RI. I've enjoy researching my family's genealogy and can trace my mom's family back to the 1600's in France. I'm currently writing a mystery novel with my writing partner. John and I have a dog Maddie and a cat Boney and a dozen unnamed chickens.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gospel of Mark Alive!

Rev. Bert will be performing his Gospel of Mark Alive next Sunday at 5:30 pm in the sanctuary. There will be a free will donation at the door and 50% of the proceeds goes to VT Foodbank.

Palm Sunday!

We will gather outside in the park, across the street from the church, with folks from Good Shepherd, Hedding, and possibly others, for a brief Palm Sunday observance at 9:30. From there we will all parade to our respective church sanctuaries for our worship services. Our service will begin outside with the parade at 9:30. Those who do not wish to participate in the parade should plan to arrive for worship by 9:30 as usual. Palm branches will be provided.

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Movie Night- April 17

We will be showing the movie, Jesus of Montreal beginning at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, April 17. Pizza and Popcorn will be served.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Sunday, April 7

One Great Hour of Sharing® is the Lenten Offering of the United Church of Christ that supports disaster, refugee, and development activities. We will have more information about this in next Sunday's bulletin.

- **There are new large font Bibles available to use in the back of the church.**
- **There is an updated directory phone and email list on the table in the narthex.**
- **Please join us for a special coffee hour welcoming our new members.**
- **Easter Flower forms can be found on the table in the narthex.**

COTTAGE MEETING COMMENTS

Here are three more ways you answered the question "Who Are We?"

- We are generous with our time and resources when we help people in need in the Barre community.
- We are a church that prides itself on its outreach to the community and helping however we are able.
- Ironically, our welcome is short lived for a new congregant and it is difficult to find a niche.

CALENDAR

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| Today (3/31) | 9:30 am | <i>Sabbath Worship</i> |
| Monday (4/1) | 8:00 am | <i>Strong Living</i> |
| | 1:00 pm | <i>Woodcarvers</i> |
| | 6:00 pm | <i>AA</i> |
| Tuesday (4/2) | 7:00 am | <i>Community Breakfast</i> |
| Wednesday (4/3) | 8:00 am | <i>Strong Living</i> |
| | 9:00 am | <i>Writing Circle</i> |
| | 6:00 pm | <i>Scouts</i> |
| | 6:00 pm | <i>Search Team</i> |
| Thursday (4/4) | 7:30 am | <i>Meditation</i> |
| | 6:30 pm | <i>Scouts</i> |
| | 6:15 pm | <i>Chancel Choir</i> |
| | 7:30 pm | <i>Chancel Bell Ringers</i> |
| Friday (4/5) | 7:30 am | <i>Meditation</i> |
| Saturday (4/6) | 7:00 am | <i>Community Breakfast</i> |
| | 8:00 am | <i>Strong Living</i> |
| | 8:00 pm | <i>AA</i> |
| Sunday (4/7) | 9:30 am | <i>Sabbath Worship</i> |
| | 5:30 pm | <i>Gospel of Mark Alive</i> |

Welcome to the Barre Congregational Church, UCC!

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Eric Tuper-Giles, *Music Director & Organist*
Hollie Friot, *Church School Director*
Mary Ann Johnson, *Parish Nurse*
Kathy Adams, *Bookkeeper*
Neil Upham, *Custodian*

We are an Open & Affirming and a Just Peace Church