

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 19th, 2026
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather in the presence of God;

People: We have come to worship and praise God's name.

Pastor: We gather in joy and expectancy;

People: We have come to encounter God in beauty and wonder.

Pastor: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening;

People: Speak your word of life to us, O God.

Special Music

Selection from State Fair

* Opening Hymn

"The Church of Christ in Every Age"

#475

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Faithful God, you have planted the seeds of faith in us, but we confess we have too often not trusted you. We fail to keep studying the wisdom of your word, satisfied instead with what we think is true. We consider that we already know enough, rather than pursuing deeper encounters with you. Forgive us, God, when we think you have nothing more to offer us. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Reading from the Epistles

Romans 8: 31 - 39

Reading from the Gospels

Mathew 13: 1 - 9

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Gospel According to Broadway: State Fair

Special Music

Selection from State Fair

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.

*Hymn

“In This Very Room”

#295

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

“Sing A New Church”

Insert

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.

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

Sunday, July 19th: A Grand Night for Singing at Quarry Works in Adamant at 2:00 pm

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

Linda Comstock, Lector

Bev Thomas, Greeter

, Flowers

Administrative Ministry, Coffee Hour

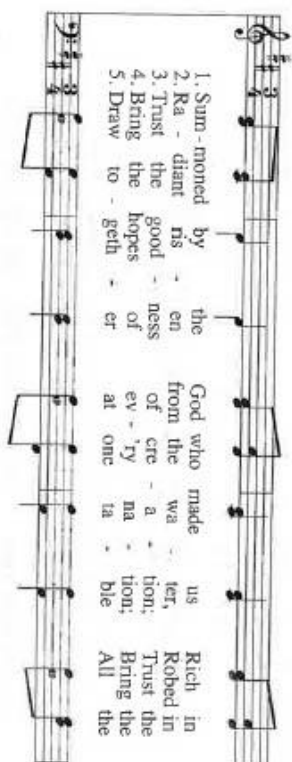
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Peter Anthony, Usher

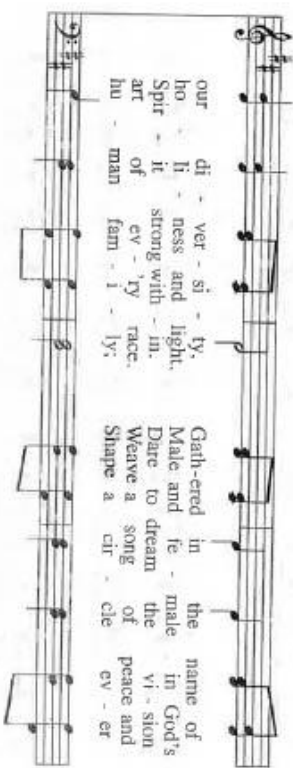
Thank you to our volunteers for their service to the Church.

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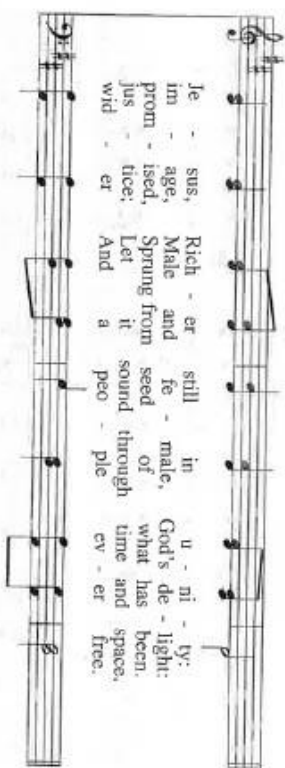
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 3. Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; Trust the
 4. Bring the hopes of ev - 'ry na - tion; Bring the
 5. Draw to - geth - er at one ta - ble All the

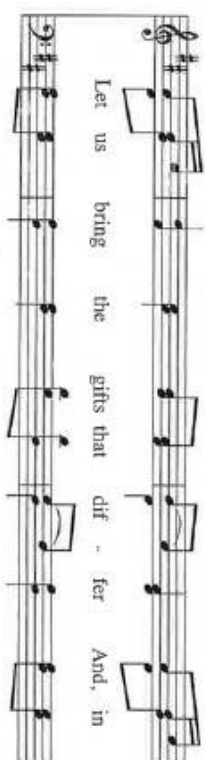


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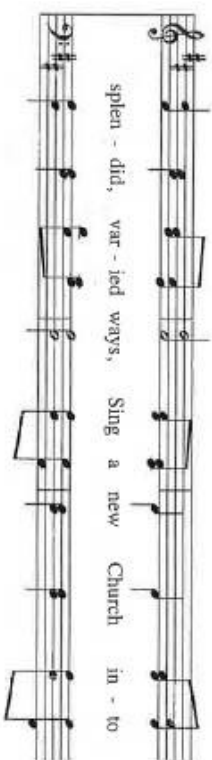


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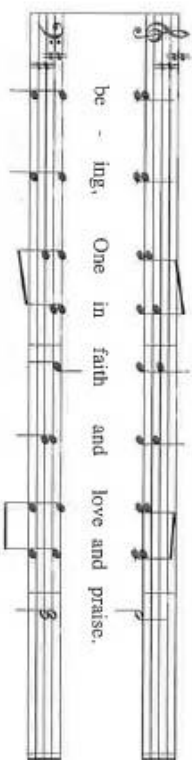
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Let us bring the gifts that dif - fer And, in



splen - did, var - ied ways, Sing a new Church in - to



be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.

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