

“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



Benedictine Abbey Church of Sainte-Marie-Madeleine, Vezelay, France, circa 1150

Sunday, March 15th, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord is our Shepherd.

People: God leads us by still waters.

Pastor: Christ restores our souls.

People: The Spirit leads us in right paths.

Pastor: The Lord prepares for us a table in the midst of our enemies.

People: God anoints our heads with oil; our cups overflow.

Pastor: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us our whole lives long.

People: And we shall dwell in the house of God our whole lives long.

* Opening Hymn

“O For a World”

#683

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

God of life and love, we confess that events around us shake our trust in your love. When terror strikes and innocents fall, we wonder if love can defeat violence. When truth is twisted by misleading claims, we doubt love can prevail over lies. When we face trouble, we wonder if you love us at all. Forgive us, God, when we lose our trust in your love. Amen.

Assurances of Grace

Kyrie Eleison

Insert

Gospel Reading

Luke 19: 37 - 44

Responding to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Give Up Enemies

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.

*Hymn "O Young and Fearless Prophet" #669

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 "He Leadeth Me" #545

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:

Tuesday, March 17: Council Meeting

Sunday, March 22: Handbell Practice 8 am

Sunday, March 22: Worship Service with Rev. James 9: 30 am

Sunday, March 22: Bible Study: "Finding Jesus in the Palms" 10:45 am

Sunday, March 29: Handbell Practice 8 am

Sunday, March 29: Worship Service with Rev. James 9: 30 am

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Tuesday, March 31: Deacons Meeting

Thursday, April 2: Ecumenical Maundy Thursday Service at Hedding United Methodist Church, 7:00pm

Friday, April 3: Ecumenical Good Friday Cross Walk and Service at Church of the Good Shepherd, Noon

Sunday, April 5: Community Sunrise Service at City Park, 7:00am

Easter Worship Service, 9:30am

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Jan Aldrich, Lector

Todd and Mary Ronson, Greeter

Peter Anthony, Ushers

Administration Ministry, Coffee Hour

Cary Friberg, Welcome

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

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
 2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
 4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the



u-ni-ty of all; for
 hun-gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam-i-ly; for
 wa-ter and the word; that you



this ho-ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
 we may live out . . . truth and jus-tice and grace,
 life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
 nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod-y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

The Kyrie is the only Greek left in the Western Liturgy. At the time of the Reformation, the entire liturgy was said in Latin except for the Kyrie. The Kyrie, which means Lord, is when we ask God to have mercy (eleison) on certain areas of our life and world. While we wish for God to have mercy on all of life, we single out only a few for corporate worship that we can all pray for as a congregation. In your daily prayer life, ask God to have mercy on those areas that deeply trouble you which are not included in the Kyrie.