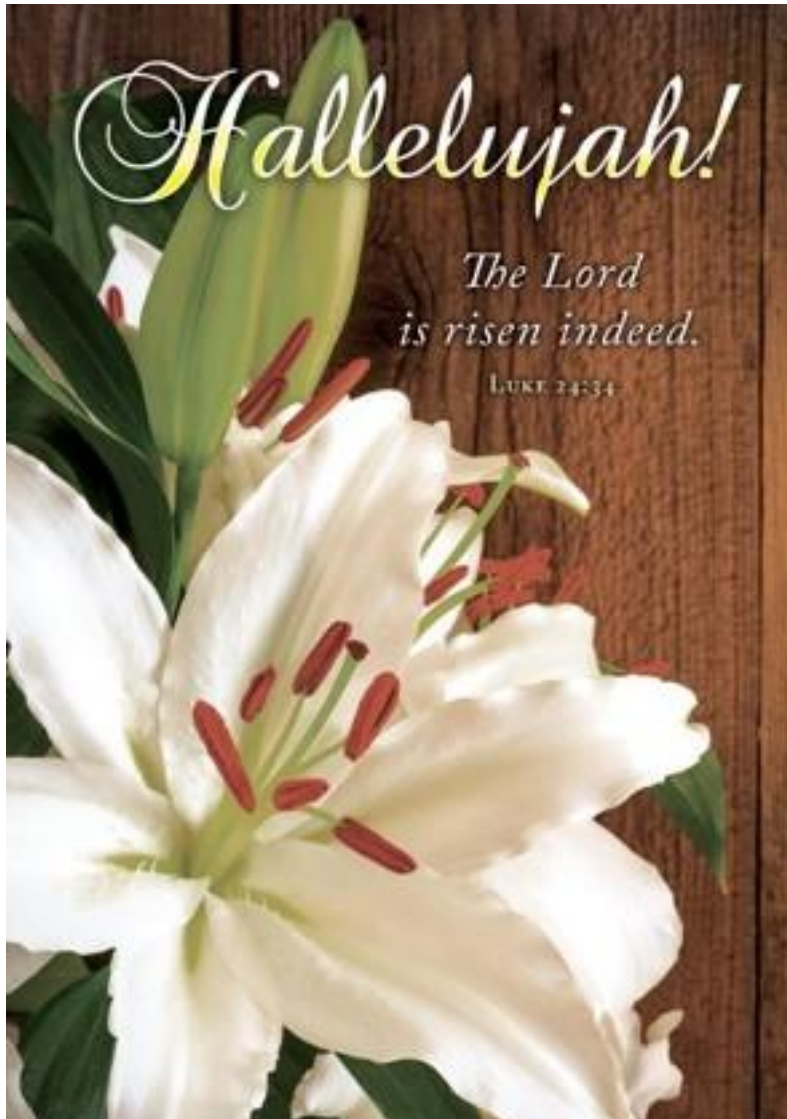


“Inspired by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Barre Congregational Church seeks to be a welcoming and caring congregation that supports each other and serves the wider world.”

The Barre Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



Sunday, April 19th, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

Rev. Carol Ann Barker

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

One: The LORD will destroy on this mountain the shroud
that is cast over all peoples...He will swallow up
death forever.

**All: Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from
all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will
take away from all the earth, for the LORD has
spoken...**

**All: This is the LORD for whom we have
waited; let us be glad and rejoice
in his salvation.**

*Opening Hymn

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

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Call to Confession:

Psalm 124: 8

Prayer of Confession. (In Unison)

**Almighty God: by your power is Christ raised from death to rule the world
with love. We confess that we have not believed in him, but fall into doubt
and fear. Gladness has no home in our hearts, and gratitude is slight.
Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, and set us free for joy in the
victory of Jesus Christ, who was dead but lives, and will put down every
power to hurt or destroy, when your promised kingdom comes. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

All respond: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for Illumination (In Unison)

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as
the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy
what you say to us today. Amen.**

Scripture reading

Luke 24: 13 - 35

Sermon

Sharing the Emmaus Experience

Prayer Time

Expressions of Gratitude, Joys, and Concerns

After each prayer shared, we respond, “O Lord, hear our prayer.”

*Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Give thanks to God in Love made known,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one.**

*Closing Hymn

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

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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, April 19: Handbell Practice

Sunday, April 19: Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am with Carol Ann Barker

Sunday, April 19: Administration Ministry Meeting 7 pm (*Via Zoom*)

Tuesday, April 21: Council Meeting

Sunday, April 26: Handbell Practice

Sunday, April 26: Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am with Rev. James

Sunday, April 26: Bible Study 10:45 am

Tuesday, April 28: Deacons Meeting

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Bev Thomas, Lector

Peter Anthony, Greeter

Deacons, Coffee Hour

Linda West, Welcome

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