

“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



The Gift of Sacred Friendship

In the Celtic world we have a concept of soul friendship, anam cara. With the anam cara you can share your innermost self, your mind and your heart. We can look to St Clare and St Francis as a beautiful example of friendship as a vibrant pathway to spiritual growth. The practice of soul friendship helps us midwife the soul of another — and ours along with it.

October 5th, 2025

Rev. Simon Ruth de Voil

Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Call to Worship *by Beth Merrill Neel*

One: Friends, we know what God desires of us:

All: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

One: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

All: To remember that now is always the right time to do these things.

One: So with thanks in our hearts, let us worship God.

*Hymn suggestions: Tis The Gift To Be Simple #568

Assurances of Grace

Scripture Reading Ruth 1:1-18 Peter Anthony

Responding to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

*Hymn “Make me a channel of your peace” *by Sebastian Temple*

Prayer Time

*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 For the Beauty of the Earth #56

Sung Benediction

Sung Response “Sanctuary” *by Scruggs & Thompson (adapted)*

**Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

**Please sit quietly for the postlude.

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:

October 8th, Finance Meeting
October 8th, Laundry Love, Berlin, 1 pm - 3:30 pm
October 11th, Saturday Morning Breakfast 8:00 am - 9:30 am
October 12th, Sermon Series: The Gospel According to Broadway: Wicked
October 14th, Property Meeting
Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Bev Thomas, Lector
Linda West & Peter Anthony, Greeter
Peter Anthony, Ushers
Linda Rodriguez, Flowers
Finance, Coffee Hour
Jackie Johnson, Welcome
Thank you to our volunteers for their service to the Church.



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