

“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



Transfiguration by Fra Angelico, Italy, 1450

February 15th, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: The God of glory rules over the earth in majesty and mystery.

People: We praise God's holy name!

Pastor: The Spirit of God empowers us to do justice and calls us together in equity.

People: We come to honour God's purposes with love and loyalty. The Christ of glory shines in this place.

People: We praise God's holy name!

* Opening Hymn

“O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair”

Insert

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

**God of mystery and mercy,
we confess we sometimes mistake our own desires for your will. We are too often distracted by our own desires and disappointments and we cling to fantasies and false promises. We fear for the future rather than seeking signs of hope and we preserve what is, rather than work for what you desire to be. Forgive who we have been, amend who we are and direct who we shall be; in Jesus' name we pray.**

Assurances of Grace

Reception of New Members, *Bill and Susie Herrick*

Pastor: Dear friends, today we rejoice in your journey of faith that has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community of faith that has been your spiritual home in the past, and the spiritual mentors who have guided you on your way. We celebrate your presence today in this household of faith, where we are seekers and servants, growing in God's transforming love.

Bill and Susie, do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

Bill and Susie: We do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Bill and Susie: We do.

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Bill and Susie: We do.

Pastor: Do you promise by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?

Bill and Susie: We promise, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Bill and Susie: We promise, with the help of God.

Pastor: Let us confess our faith in the triune God, through the United Church of Christ Statement of faith.

All: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Chair of Deacons: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world?

Bill and Susie: We promise, with the help of God.

Chair of Deacons: Let us, the members of Barre Congregational Church, United Church of Christ express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

Members: We welcome you with joy in 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.

Responding to the Word
One: The word of God, for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Transfigured, Transformed

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.

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

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 (ushers), 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, Feb. 15: Worship Service with Rev. James

Sunday, Feb. 15: Handbell Practice 11 am

Tuesday, Feb. 17: Council Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 pm

Sunday, Feb. 22: Worship Service with Rev. James

Sunday, Feb. 22: Handbell Practice 11 am

Tuesday, Feb. 24: Deacons Meeting

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

, Lector

, Greeter

, Ushers

Deacons, Coffee Hour

, Welcome

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



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O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS LM

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861

"The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415

1. O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair Of glo - ry
 2. From age to age the tale de - clare, How with the
 3. The law and proph - ets there have place, Two cho - sen
 4. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray Christ deigns to
 5. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high By this great

that the church shall share, Which Christ up - on the
 three dis - ci - ples there, Where Mo - ses and E -
 wit - ness - es of grace; The Fa - ther's voice from
 man - i - fest to day What glo - ry shall be
 vi - sion's mys - ter - y, For which in joy - ful

moun-tain shows, Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 li - jah meet, The Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 out the cloud Pro - claims His on - ly Son a - loud.
 theirs a - bove Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

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We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-en ed by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.