

“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



Church of the Ascension and Augusta Victoria Hospital
East Jerusalem, Palestine

Sunday, September 27th, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship (*Responsive, Based on Psalm 122*)

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

People: We gather with gladness in the Lord's house this day!

Pastor: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers."

People: We gather to pray with our words and our lives so that all of God's children will one day know peace and security.

Pastor: For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

People: We gather in God's name, who claims us all as kin, to speak out and seek peace and justice for the sake of all God's children.

* Opening Hymn

"Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"

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Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

All-embracing God, in recalling all that you are and all that you have done, we recall then who we are and what we have done or failed to do.

We confess that we have failed to comfort those in pain, ignored the needs of others failed to stand with our neighbours in their struggle for dignity and respect.

We confess the sins of your church in running residential schools that separated children from their families.

We repent of our past sins and pray for the wisdom to walk in a new way with you and with one another. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

Readings from the Gospels

Matthew 20: 17 - 19

Matthew 23: 37 - 29

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Jesus In Jerusalem

Anthem

"The Upper Room"

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

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

Insert

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

“On Eagles Wings”

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Benediction

**Postlude

*Please stand if you are able.

**Please sit quietly for the postlude.



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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.

Announcements:

The Barre Congregational Church member per capita dues are now due for the 2026/27 year. It amounts to 16.72\$ per member.

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.

Upcoming events and meetings:

Sunday, September 27th: Handbell Practice 8:00 am

Choir Practice 8:45 am

Worship Service with Rev. James & Sunday School 9:30 am

Fall Bible Study at First Presbyterian Church 11:15 am

Tuesday, September 29th: Deacons Meeting

Saturday, October 3rd: Saturday Morning Breakfast 8:00 - 9:30 am

Sunday, October 4th: Handbell Practice 8:00 am

Choir Practice 8:45 am

Worship Service with Rev. James & Sunday School 9:30 am

Fall Bible Study at BCC 11:15 am

Administration Ministry Meeting 7 pm

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

, Lector

, Greeter

, Flowers

, Coffee Hour

, Welcome

, Usher

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

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Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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LAND OF REST
American folk tuneF. B. P., 16th cent, *abr., alt.*

Setting: A. M. Buchanan, 1888-1983

1. Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, Name
 2. O hap - py har - bor of the saints! O
 3. In thee no sick - ness may be seen, No
 4. Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; They
 5. There Da - vid stands with harp in hand As

ev - er dear to me! When shall my la - bors
 sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
 hurt, no ache, no sore; In thee there is no
 see God face to face; They tri - umph still, they
 mas - ter of the choir; Ten thou - sand times that

have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
 dread of death, But life for - ev - er - more.
 still re - joice; Most hap - py is their case.
 man were blest That might this mu - sic hear.