

“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 Tomb of Lazarus, Bethany, Palestine

Sunday, March 22nd, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?

People: O God, you know!

Pastor: We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

People: O God, you know!

Pastor: The gift is sure and unmistakable:

People: God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

Pastor: Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

People: And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

* Opening Hymn

"Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

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Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us and forgive us; so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurances of Grace

Kyrie Eleison

Insert

Gospel Reading

John 11: 1 - 45

Responding to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Give Up Our Lives

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

“Jesus Wept! Those Tears Are Over”

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

“Rock of Ages”

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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, March 29: Handbell Practice 8 am

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

Sunday, March 29: Bible Study: "Finding Jesus in the Palms" 10:45 am

Tuesday, March 31: Deacons Meeting

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

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, 7:00 am

Easter Worship Service, 9:30 am

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Peter James, Lector

Karen Gordon, Greeter

Peter Anthony, Ushers

Worship and Arts, Coffee Hour

Linda West, Welcome

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