

“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



February 8th, 2026
Scouting Sunday

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell
Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,

People: So God's grace, mercy and justice shine forth.

Pastor: We gather, with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder;

People: Trusting that God's peace and love are present here.

Pastor: Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.

People: We come, rejoicing, to praise God's holy name.

* Opening Hymn

"Amazing Grace"

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Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

Holy Jesus,

we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we "see," we miss the truths you would teach us. With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. Make our "shadow side" known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. Accept now our confession, O Lord of grace and goodness.

Assurances of Grace

Blessing of the Scouts

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 58: 1 - 12

John 9: 1 - 12

Responding to the Word

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Now I See

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

“My Song Is Love Unknown”

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

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

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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 (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. 8: Worship Service with Rev. James

Sunday, Feb. 8: Handbell Practice 11 am

Sunday, Feb. 8: New Members Class at 10:45 am

Tuesday, Feb. 10: Property Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 11: Finance Meeting 6 pm

Friday, Feb. 13: Night To Shine

Saturday, Feb. 14: Camp BCC Valentine's Event 4 pm

Sunday, Feb. 15: Worship Service with Rev. James

Sunday, Feb. 15: Handbell Practice 11 am

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

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Scouts, Lector

Scouts, Greeter

Scouts, Ushers

Scouts, Coffee Hour

Linda Rodriguez, Welcome

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



My Song Is Love Unknown

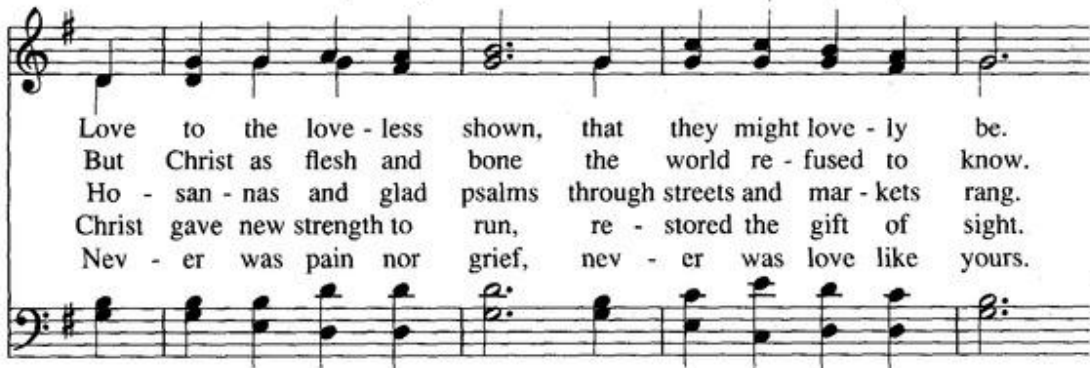
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Samuel Crossman, 1664; alt.

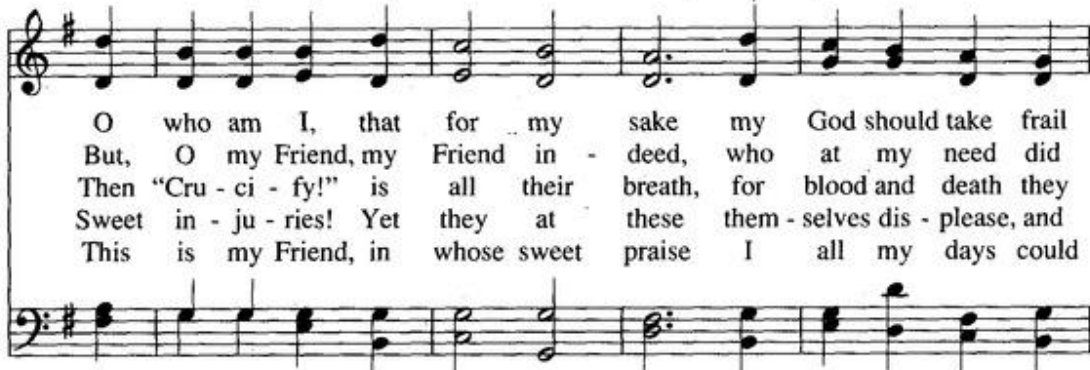
2 Cor. 5:15-19; Heb. 5:7-10



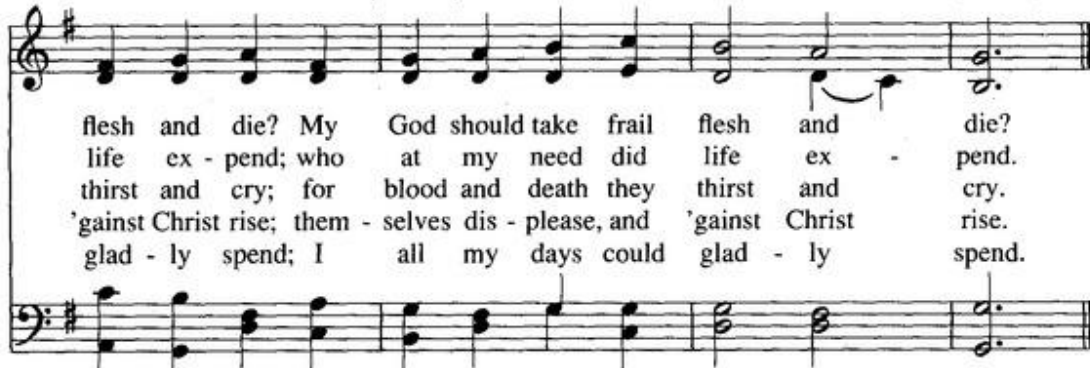
1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
 2 God left the rich - est throne sal - va - tion to be - stow;
 3 Some - times they threw down palms and sweet - est prais - es sang.
 4 What has my Sov - ereign done? What makes this rage and spite?
 5 I sing my plain be - lief, one song my heart out - pours:



Love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
 But Christ as flesh and bone the world re - fused to know.
 Ho - san - nas and glad psalms through streets and mar - kets rang.
 Christ gave new strength to run, re - stored the gift of sight.
 Nev - er was pain nor grief, nev - er was love like yours.



O who am I, that for my sake my God should take frail
 But, O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who at my need did
 Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, for blood and death they
 Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and
 This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could



flesh and die? My God should take frail flesh and die?
 life ex - pend; who at my need did life ex - pend.
 thirst and cry; for blood and death they thirst and cry.
 'gainst Christ rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst Christ rise.
 glad - ly spend; I all my days could glad - ly spend.

First published in 1664 by Samuel Crossman, one of the first writers of English hymns, this hymn of praise for Christ's love was not appreciated until 200 years later. The tune was named for the parish in northeastern Wales where the composer served

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE 6.6.6.6.8.8.8.
 John D. Edwards, c. 1840