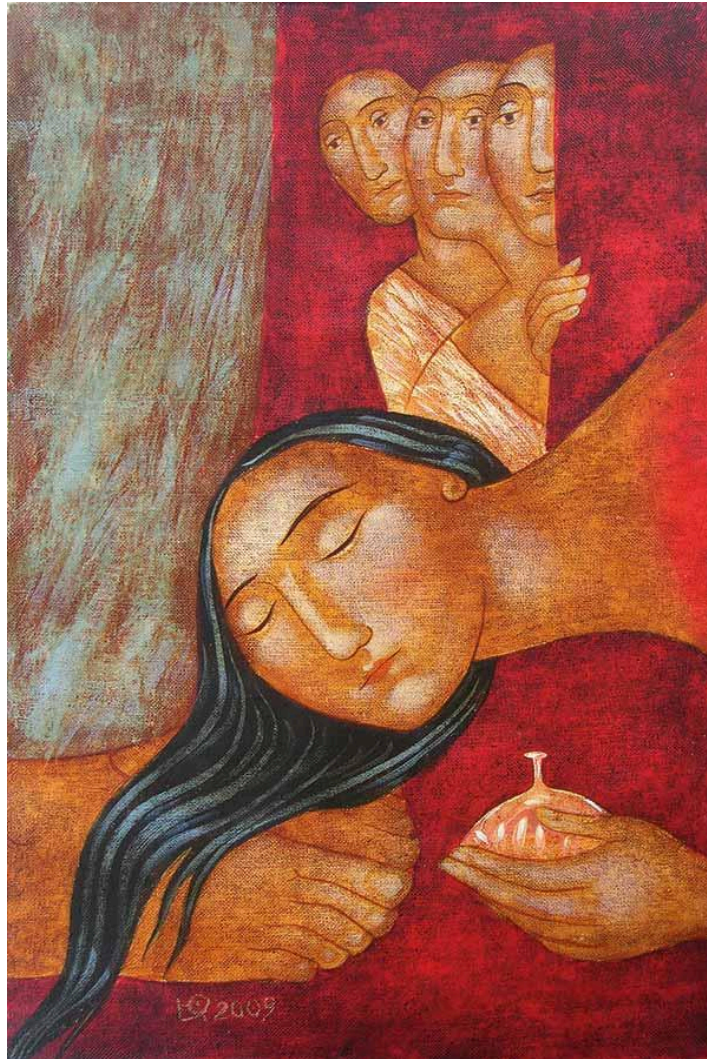


“Inspired by the love and teachings of Jesus Christ, the Barre Congregational Church seeks to be a welcoming and caring congregation that supports each other and serves the wider world.”

The Barre Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



The Anointing of Christ
By Julie Stankova, Sofia, Bulgaria, 2009

Sunday, May 10th, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell

Pastor

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Pastor: The world offers us “wisdom” about what is important.

All: We seek God’s wisdom.

Pastor: The world says bigger and wealthier is always better.

All: We want to invest in God’s beloved community.

Pastor: The world tries to seduce our hearts.

All: We offer our hearts to God.

* Opening Hymn

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

#606

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*)

God of Spirit and Truth, we confess that wealth and power look pretty shiny sometimes. We want to reach out for them. We are afraid of scarcity.

Forgive us and fill our hearts with the truth of your spirit. Remind us of the abundance of your spirit. Amen.

Assurances of Grace

Scripture Readings

Deuteronomy 24: 19 - 22

Acts 4: 32 - 37

Reading from the Gospels

John 12: 1 - 8

Responding to the Word (*Responsive*)

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

More Than Enough: Stewardship of Abundance

Anthem

Expressions of Gratitude, Joys, and Concerns

After each prayer shared, we respond, “O Lord, hear our prayer.”

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our 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

“Take My Gifts”

#381

Stewardship Testimony

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

“Take My Life”

#609

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, May 10th: Handbell Practice 8 am

Sunday, May 10th: Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am

Sunday, May 10th: Bible Study 10:45 am

Tuesday, May 12th: Property Meeting

Wednesday, May 13th: Finance Meeting

Saturday, May 16th: Donna Stratton Funeral Service

Sunday, May 17th: Handbell Practice 8 am

Sunday, May 17th: Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am

Sunday, May 17th: Bible Study 10:45 am

Sunday, May 17th: Annual Report & Budget Questions

Sunday, May 17th: Administration Ministry Meeting 7 pm (Via Zoom)

Tuesday, May 19th: Council Meeting

Please inform the church office of all upcoming events

Serving this Sunday

Don Singer, Lector

Cary Friberg, Greeter

Council, Coffee Hour

Linda West, Welcome

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

