

OFFERTORY INVITATION

When we give our offering, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ. We ask that you give as generously with honor and glory as to serve the needs of our church, the community, and the wider world.

You may donate or pay your pledge by visiting www.barrechurch.com or mail to Margaret Marshall, 169 Sunrise Ave. Barre MA 01005

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember in your prayers the following members and friends,

Marsha Bray, Neil Churchill, Bess Difley, Shirley Lewis, Abby Hale, Wilhelmina Piper, Tom & Carol Posey, Max Snyder, those affected by Covid 19, and those who work for our community.

Pastor Margaret's brother, in South Africa who is having some heart issues

The family of Kevin Kinnear of Hubbardston

The family of Rev. David Forry

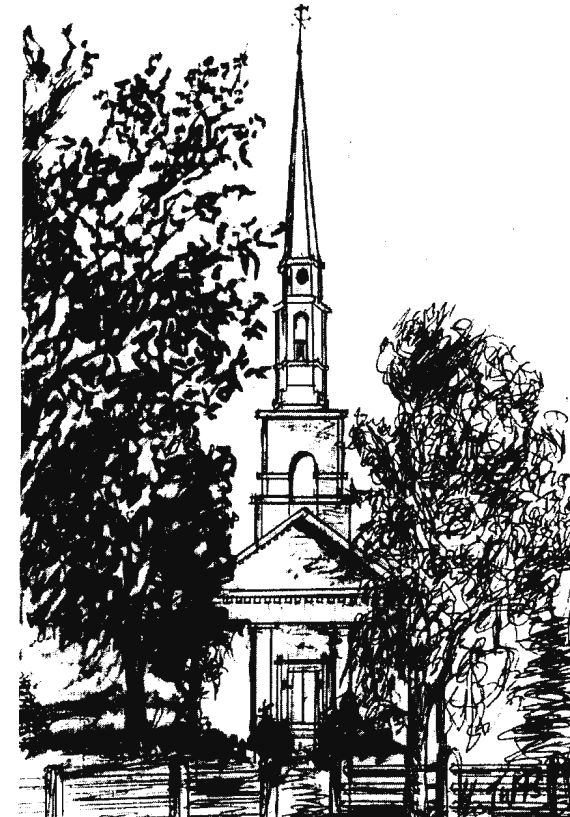
Dave was our Interim Pastor from October 1993-April 1996

If you know of someone who needs a visit, needs a call to check in, is ill or has a special need please let Pastor Margaret know, one of the Deacons, or leave a message on the answering machine, 978-355-4041

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just a reminder that if you come into the church and turn on lights, please make sure the lights are turned off before you leave the church. Also, make sure the doors are locked.

Please make sure if you have a meeting or event coming up at the church you let Wendy know, the day, the date, time & if it is a zoom meeting. The March calendar will be published on March 1st. So we can keep the congregation informed of the church's happenings.



Barre Congregational Church

United Church of Christ

February 20, 2022

Organist – Deborah Page
Sexton – Ann Clark

Choir Director – Karla Peterson
Office Manager – Wendy Isgro

Pastor Margaret Keyser

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BARRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
United Church of Christ
February 20, 2022
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
Pastor Margaret Keyser, preaching
Kate Lathrop, Deacon

*Please stand if you are able.

REFLECTION

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ~Lamentations 3:22-23

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken - arr. by A. Clarke
Our Hymn of Grateful Praise – arr. by J. Rasley
Morning Praise - E. Van Woert Deborah Page

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP HYMN (blue) #524 *Lead Me Lord*
Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness;
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

GREETING & OPENING PRAYER Pastor Margaret Keyser

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS Kate Lathrop

CALL TO WORSHIP (partly from Psalm 111) Kate Lathrop

Leader: I call with all my heart oh Lord, to You Who is the Light of the world!

People: We lift our eyes to You, whose throne is in heaven

Leader: Bow down to us Oh Lord and teach us Your ways.

People: Our hearts reach out to You, Oh Lord, our souls cannot rest without You!

All: Direct us in the path of righteousness and turn our hearts to You Always. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN (brown) #18 *Come, We That Love the Lord*

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION Kate Lathrop

Gracious God, we thank You for Your love and mercy in our lives. We pray for Your presence among us, and we pray that You make us instruments of Your love for all those around us. We are here to recommit ourselves to You and we ask that You fill us with Your Spirit

and guide us on our journey in life and with our congregation. Speak to us through Your word in a special way today. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON Pastor Margaret Keyser

SONG WITH OUR CHILDREN (brown) # 580 *Jesus Loves the Little Children*
***Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world,
Red and yellow, black, and white, they are precious in His sight-
Jesus loves the little children of the world.***

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 6:27 -38 Kate Lathrop

SERMON "I Say to You That Listen, Love Your Enemies" Pastor Margaret Keyser

* HYMN (brown) #284 (verses 1-3) *They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

SONG OF PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (twice) *Listen to Your Children Praying*

*Lord listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor Margaret Keyser

*CLOSING HYMN (brown) #395 (verses 1, 2 & 4) *Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord*

BENEDICTION Pastor Margaret Keyser

CANDLES EXTINGUISHED DURING CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Go Now in Peace*

***Go now in peace, never be afraid
Knowing God will be with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, showing you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world sees.
God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, faith and love.
Amen. Amen. Amen.***

POSTLUDE *God Be with You*-E. L. Ashford Deborah Page