

First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street
Barre, Vermont



Sunday Morning Service
8th Sunday of Easter - May 19, 2024

Welcome!

*Join us as we experience our spiritual journey through Christian community
and by living God's love in word and deed.*

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GATHERING

Today's hymns and responses are from the purple Glory to God hymnal and other sources.)

Gathering on Abenaki Lands

Prelude Come Holy Guest by Janet Lunt

Opening Prayer

We have heard about you, God of all power. You made the world out of kindness, creating order out of confusion; you made each one of us in your own image; your fingerprint is on every soul. So we praise you. Amen.

Welcome and Call to Worship *(from the Iona Community)*

One: O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding, which has brought us to birth and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation,

ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

One: For your love for us, wild and freeing, which has awakened us to the energy of creation; to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.

ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

One: For your love for us, compassionate and patient, which has carried us through our pain, wept beside us in our sin and waited with us in our confusion.

ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

One: For your love for us, strong & challenging, which has called us to risk for you, asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve.

ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

One: O God we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us, and at the heart of all life. Forgive us when we forget your gift of love and draw us into your presence.

ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS.

◆ Opening Hymn " Surely the presence" *by Lanny Wolfe*

1. In the midst of the people, is is said God would be
It doesn't take very many, it can be just two or three
There's a holy hush around us, I see glory on each face
Surely the presence of God's love is in this place
2. Surely the presence of God's love is in this place
I can feel God's might power and God's grace,
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of God's love is in this place.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (responsively) from the Iona Community in Scotland

One: Before God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

All: **May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

One: Amen.

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All: **Amen.**

(time of silence for personal confession)

Words of Forgiveness

Congregational Response "Jesus remember me" *by Taizé*

**Jesus remember me
When you come into your kingdom**

◆ **Passing of the Peace** - Now is the time we pass the peace saying "Peace be with you" and responding with "And also with you." When we pass the peace of Christ, we affirm that the nature of our faith is founded in the love, grace, and peace Christ continually extends to us.

LISTENING

Scripture Readings Acts 2:1-21

Prompting "Pentecost" Rev. Simon Ruth de Voil

RESPONDING

◆ **Hymn** "Blessing to the world" *(by Karen Drucker)*

**You are the heart. You are the hands.
You are the voice of Spirit on earth.
And who you are & all you do,
Is a blessing to the world. (repeat verse)**

We are the heart ...

I am the heart ...

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People (*Finishing with the Lord's Prayer, page 35. We invite you to use the words with which you are most comfortable.*)

Our Father/Mother, 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 our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

Call for the Offering (*We invite you to place your offering in the offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary. You can also give online or by mail. Thank you.*)

Offering & Prayer of Dedication

Congregational Response Chant: "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Give thanks to God in Love made known,
Creator, Christ and Spirit one.

SENDING

◆ **Closing Hymn #727** "Spirit of God"

(Skye boat song hymn)

All: Spirit of God, unseen as the wind,
gentle as is the dove,
teach us the truth and help us believe,
show us the way of love

One: You spoke to us long, long ago
gave us the written word;
we read it still, needing its truth,
through it God's voice is heard.

All: Spirit of God ...

One: Without your help we lose the path,
we cannot find our way;
we need your power, we need your strength
following love each day.

All: Spirit of God ...

◆ **Benediction**

Postlude

◆Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.

Rev. Simon Ruth de Voil is our Guest Minister today and will be making music with us today!

Thanks to Diane Nichols-Fleming for leading us in worship.

Sermon title: Pentecost

DESCRIPTION: The theme of the service this week is "Pentecost 101."

Sometimes people refer to Pentecost as the birthday of the church because it marks the moment when the apostles received direct communication with the divine.

This direct connection, traditionally depicted as the holy spirit descending in a rush of wind and made visible as "tongues as of fire" sounds mysterious— but perhaps it's less obscure than we think.

Prayers - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week we invite you to keep Marcia Cochran in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for her, and her presence in this congregation. Hold her in the palm of your hand and let her feel your love. Give her the wisdom and strength to do your will and the faith and courage to face whatever challenges may arise.

As part of being the connectional Presbyterian Church, we keep in our prayers other ministries within the Presbytery of Northern New England. This week our prayers are for Leadership Commission and Committees of the Presbytery.

Rev. Simon Ruth de Voil



Rev. Simon Ruth de Voil is an ordained interfaith/inter-spiritual minister, trained to be a sacred presence outside the conventions of traditional religion. As a sacred musician, spiritual mentor and worship leader he incorporates chant, ritual, storytelling and mindful practice to create a space for profound connection and sacred witness. Simon provides music for worship, ceremony, and prayer in a wide variety of churches and nonreligious spiritual

communities. He particularly loves to create music for meditation, healing services, and rites of passage.

Simon is also an experienced workshop and retreat leader, drawing on 15 years of study, training, and practice that grew from his time living and working in Iona Abbey. Although influenced by many traditions, Simon's spiritual path and teaching is deeply rooted in Celtic Christianity, the wisdom of the earth, and in the Scottish land where he's spent most of his life.

OUR CHURCH

Administrative Assistant - Cindy Hooker
Music Director - Dan Krymkowski
Custodian - Jennifer Milne
Organist - Dan Krymkowski
Pianist - Alison Cerutti
Treasurer - Kathy Adams
Deacon of the Month - Pam Cyr
Elder of the Month - Diane Nichols-Fleming

CHURCH SESSION & DEACONS

Building - Diane Nichols-Fleming, Lee Aura Bonamico
Faith Development - Dottye Ricks (chair), Cathy Jamieson, Diane Nichols-Fleming
Fellowship - Diane Nichols-Fleming
Finance - Cathy Jamieson (chair), Diane Nichols-Fleming
Nominating - Roxanne Casadonte (chair), Dottye Ricks
Outreach - Jim Nichols-Fleming (co-chair), Roxanne Casadonte (co-chair), Dottye Ricks, Lee Aura Bonamico
Personnel - Chris Fuhrmeister (chair), Jim Nichols-Fleming
Worship - Dan Krymkowski (chair), Peg Lawson, Dottye Ricks
Deacon - Sylvia Mitton (chair)

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Session, 3rd Mondays, 7:00 p.m. *(No meeting in July)*
Deacons, 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m. *(No meetings in July and August)*
Outreach, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
Book Group, 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Meditation Group, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

May 26 (Trinity Sunday) (Possible Full Zoom) - Rev. Susan McKnight
June 2 (Communion) - Rev. Carol Ann Barker
June 9 - Dottye Ricks
June 16 - Rev. Simon Ruth de Voil

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

May 21st - Pam Cyr
May 21st - Winnie McCormick

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES

May 20th - Dan Krymkowski & Rebecca Mueller

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As a Matthew 25 church, First Presbyterian - Barre works to engage the community, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

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