

**First Presbyterian Church  
19 Seminary Street, Barre, Vermont**

***Welcomes You to Worship***



***Walking on Holy Ground***

**March 15, 2026**

**Sunday Worship  
Year A, Fourth Sunday in Lent**

***Welcome!***

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

## GATHERING

*Today's hymns are from the purple "Glory to God" hymnal. This service is being recorded for viewing on Facebook and on our website. Please guard your privacy as best you see fit.*

### Gathering on Abenaki Lands and Welcome

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship *(Psalm 130)*

Leader: Out of the depths we call to you, O Lord. Let your ears hear our supplication.

**Congregation: We wait for you, O God.**

Leader: In your word is our hope. We wait for you, O Lord, for with you there is mercy.

**Congregation: Come. Let us worship God.**

#### ★Opening Hymn #1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee, though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### PRAYING for RECONCILIATION and FORGIVENESS

#### Call to Confession

Psalm 130 reminds us that our God is a loving and merciful. Let us come before God now, together and then privately and silently, to confession our sin.

#### Unison Prayer of Confession

**All:** God, we are a busy people. We become pre-occupied with the demands of work, our relationships, and our communities. We tend to focus on our own needs and fail to see the needs of those around us. We do that which we should not and fail to do that which we should. We ask for your forgiveness and for your guidance in following the path you have set before us. Hear us now as we humbly come before you silently and privately to confess our sin.

*(Silent confession of individual sins)*

Leader: Amen

#### Assurance of Pardon *(Psalm 130, The Message)*

Leader: If you, God, kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance?

**Congregation:** As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit, and that's why you're worshiped.

★**Passing of the Peace** - Now is the time we pass the peace saying "Peace be with you," 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 extends to us.

**Minute for Mission** - Restoring Hope

## LISTENING

### Scripture Lessons

Mark 6:6b-13, Exodus 3:1-6

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

"Holy Ground"

Rev. Dwight

### Reflection Music

## RESPONDING

★Hymn No. 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my eyes, illumine me. Spirit divine!
2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth thou sendest clear. And while the wave notes fall only ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my ears; illumine me Spirit divine!
3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere. Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share. Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see. Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

*Call for the Offering (You may place your offering in the box just behind the last pew of the sanctuary or give online at [fpcbarre.org](http://fpcbarre.org). Click the green "Donate" button on the front page. You may also mail in your offering. Thank you for your generosity!)*

**Prayer of Dedication:** (in unison)

Gracious and generous God, we bring our entire selves to you - offering our time, our talents, and our treasures -financial and otherwise. Please empower us to be as faithful as we can be in loving you, our neighbors, and ourselves. Please accept our offerings as our attempt to glorify you and serve you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Announcements, Joys, and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People** (*Finishing with the Lord's Prayer, page 35.*

*We invite you to use the words which are closest to your heart.)*

**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**

### **Children's Sermon**

#### **SENDING**

★ **Closing Hymn No. 69**

"Here I Am Lord"

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

Thanks to Cathie Ely who is leading us in worship.

**REMINDER** – Join us at the installation service of Rev. Dwight McCormick as our new Minister of Word and Sacrament, today at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Join in this joyous celebration of welcome both at the installation and at the reception following.  
We hope to see you there.

**Order Your Easter Flowers Now** – You can order Easter flowers to be placed in the church sanctuary in memory or in honor of your loved ones. This year the flowers are from Forget Me Not Flowers and Gifts in Barre. An order form is enclosed with the bulletin. Please note that orders must be received by Monday, March 23, 2026. Please send your check with your order, or leave it in the collection plate, made payable to Lee Aura Bonamico.

**Prayers** - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week please keep Carolyn Tucker-Stook in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for her. 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 what challenges may arise.

As part of being the connectional Presbyterian Church, we keep in our prayers other ministries usually within the PNNE. This week our prayers are for the PCEA Neema Church, formerly the Ushindi/Kenyan Community Presbyterian Church, in Lowell, MA. Its minister is Rev. Eric Muchina.

**Holy Week Services** - Below are listed Easter activities and services occurring during Holy Week. We encourage you to take advantage of these offerings as you observe Holy Week and Easter.

March 29 - Palm Sunday - 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Barre

April 2 - Maundy Thursday Service - 7 p.m., Hedding Methodist Church, Barre

April 3 - Good Friday Prayer Walk with Service to Follow - Noon - Gather on the Steps of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Barre

April 5 - Easter Sunrise Service - 7:30 a.m., Graniteville Presbyterian Church, with breakfast to follow

April 5 - Easter Morning Service - 10 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, Barre

**Adult Worship Study** - "Lent in Plain Sight," will NOT be held after worship service today, March 15. Study will resume after worship service on March 22.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** - We continue our One Great Hour of Sharing offering through Easter. See envelope in bulletin to make a donation.

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#### **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:**

March 16<sup>th</sup> - John Hooker

March 17<sup>th</sup> - Sara Blondin

**UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES:**     None

## ***2026 Easter Flower Order Form***

Flowers will be ordered from Forget Me Not Flowers and Gifts

Lillies                    1 Plant    \$20.00  
                                   3 Plants    \$19.00

Yes, that is correct – Get 3 Plants for \$1.00 less than 1 Plant!

Tulips                    7” Pot    \$16.00  
     White  
     Pink  
     Yellow  
     Hot Pink  
     Purple  
     Orange

You may choose a color, but they cannot guarantee they can get it.

Daffodils                7” Pot    \$14.00

Hyacinth                7” Pot    \$14.00  
     Purple  
     Pink  
     White

Again, you may choose a color, but they cannot guarantee it.

Pansy Bowl    \$25.00

Crocuses                4.5” Pot    \$7.00

**Orders must be received by Monday, March 23, 2026**

<b>Name:</b>		
<b>In Memory of:</b>		
<b>In Honor of:</b>		
<b>Flower Selection</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Price</b>
<b>Please make checks payable to Lee Aura Bonamico contact her at 802-476-3426 or her cell 802-917-4321.</b>		