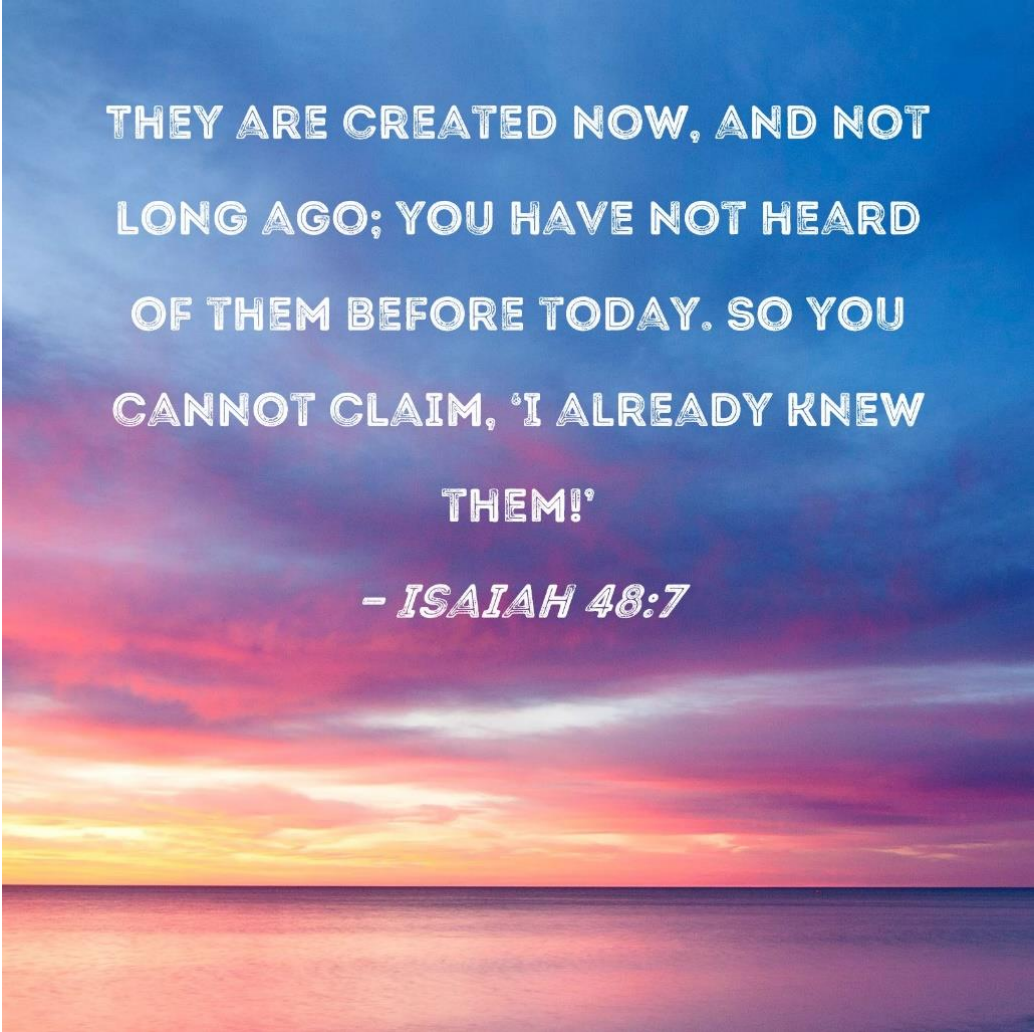


First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street, Barre, Vermont

Welcomes You to Worship



THEY ARE CREATED NOW, AND NOT
LONG AGO; YOU HAVE NOT HEARD
OF THEM BEFORE TODAY. SO YOU
CANNOT CLAIM, 'I ALREADY KNEW
THEM!'

- ISAIAH 48:7

Sunday Worship Service - April 12, 2026
Year A, Second Sunday of Easter

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 included in the bulletin and in the insert.
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website. Please guard your privacy as best you see fit.*

Gathering on Abenaki Lands and Welcome

Prelude "The Ferry" Dougie MacLean

Call to Worship (*Iona Community Worship Book*)

Leader: 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 -

Congregation: We give you thanks.

Leader: 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.

Congregation: We give you thanks.

Leader: 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.

Congregation: We give you thanks.

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

Congregation: We give you thanks.

Leader: Oh, 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
 made known to us in Jesus, and draw us into your
 presence.

Congregation: We give you thanks.

Opening Prayer

★ **Opening Hymn** "Morning Gospel Medley"

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds a call,
Oh, when the trumpet sounds a call,
I want to be in that number,
Oh, when the trumpet sounds a call.

Some glad morning when this life is o'er, I'll fly away.
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

When the shadows of this life have grown, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

Just a few more weary days, and then, I'll fly away.
To a land where joys shall never end, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away.
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

PRAYING for RECONCILIATION and FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession *(Iona Community)*

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

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

Leader: Amen

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Words of Forgiveness

★**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 continually extends.

LISTENING

Scripture Lesson Isaiah 48: 6-7

Sermon "God Is In All Things - Even Our Mistakes!"
Rev. Simon Ruth de Voil

RESPONDING

★ **Hymn** "Unknown Blessings" Ben Bochner

Chorus: **And they're already on their way, already on
their way. Give thanks for unknown blessings,
already on their way.**

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Prayers of the People (*Finishing with the Lord's Prayer. 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. Lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for yours is the
Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Call for the Offering (*You may place your offering in the box behind the last pew of the sanctuary or give online at fpcbarre.org. You may also mail in your offering. Thank you for your generosity!*)

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**

"Bookmark Prayer"

Simon Ruth de Voil

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you.
Everything changes,
I alone remain.
Hold patience, for nothing is wasted.
Presence in all things
I'm with you in all things.

Benediction

Postlude

"Deep Peace"

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

Today Rev. Simon Ruth de Voil is our Guest Minister and music maker.
Thanks to Dottye Ricks for leading us in worship.

Coffee Hour/Bon Voyage - There is a coffee hour today in the vestry after the service. We will be able to thank Rev. Simon for his devotion to our church over the past 3.5 years and wish him and his wife safe travels as they return to Scotland. Please join in our celebration of his work here and the new chapter of his life.

To keep in prayer - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week please keep Nora Zablow in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for her. Hold her in the palm of your hand. 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 PNNE Stated Meeting - April 18. Prayers for the Moderators, Presbyter, Stated Clerk, and Commissioners.



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 non-religious 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.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Session, 2nd Sunday, 11:15 a.m.

Deacons, 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Outreach, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

Book Group, 4th Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

Meditation Group, Thursdays, 10 a.m.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

April 13 - Debbie Nichols

April 15 - Melissa Taft

April 17 - Richard Scott

April 18 - Sandi Phelan

NO UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES IN APRIL

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**building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism,
and eradicating systemic poverty.**

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