

First Presbyterian Church of Barre, VT

Welcomes You to Worship



Jesus Teaching Disciples

**Sunday Worship Service - May 10, 2026
Year A, Sixth 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

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Hymns from the Glory to God purple hymnal

Gathering on Abenaki Lands and Welcome

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Bless our God, O you peoples; let the sound of God's praise be heard

People: who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip. For you O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

People: But truly God has listened; he has heard to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

★Opening Hymn No 7

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

- 1. Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**

2. **Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.**
3. **Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.**

PRAYING FOR RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS

Remembering our Baptism

Call to Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Gracious and Loving God, You promised us the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, to abide with us forever, yet we confess that we often live as though we are orphans, relying only on our own strength and fearing the future.

Forgive us for the times we have failed to show our love for you through our actions. Forgive us for neglecting the promise of your presence within us. By the power of your Spirit, turn us back to you. Shape our hearts to obey you with joy, that we may truly know you and be known by you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ as we now confess silently our personal sin. *(silence)*

Leader: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Christ conquered death to restore us to life. Believe this good news. Live this resurrection.

People: Hope in God's promise because we are forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.

★ **Passing of the Peace** please greet one another with "Peace be with you" and you may respond "And also with you." Forgiveness from Jesus Christ brings peace that passes understanding.

LISTENING

Scripture Lessons Psalm 66:8-20 John 14:15-21

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "Keeping Christ's Commandments" Rev. Dwight McCormick

RESPONDING

★ **Hymn No. 282** Come Down, O Love Divine

1. Come down, O Love Divine; seek out this soul of mine, and visit it with your own ardor glowing. O comforter, draw near; within my heart appear, and kindle it, your holy flame bestowing.
2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming. And let your glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.
3. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out pass the power of human telling. For none can guess

God's grace, till Love creates a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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 . Click the green "Donate" button on the front page. You may also mail in your offering.)

Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

God of grace, you provide for all our needs. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless them to further Christ's ministry and mission among the poor, the despairing, and the destitute. Amen.

Announcements, Joys, and Concerns

Children's Sermon

★Closing Hymn No.300 **We Are One in the Spirit**

- 1. We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored: (Refrain)**

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

- 2. We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand; we will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain)**

3. We will work with each other; we will work side by side; we will work with each other; we will work side by side, and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride; (Refrain)

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain)

Benediction

Postlude

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

Thanks to Roxanne Casadonte for helping lead us in worship this morning!

Prayers - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week please keep Neil and Linda Aschnewitz in your prayers. Gracious Lord, we give thanks for them. Hold them in the palm of your hand let them feel your love. Give them 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 Mission at the Eastward - MATE and their Board of Directors.

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

Tuesday May 12th Tour Capstone facility leaving from church at 12:45 pm.

Building, Wednesday May 13th, 1:15pm in the vestry of the church

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

Worship Committee, Thursday May 14th at 7pm on Zoom-click the meditation link on the front page of our website. Contact Pastor Dwight if you need the access code-it has not changed from previous meeting.

Deacons - Preparing a meal for the Good Samaritan Haven Saturday, May 16th, 2:20 PM in our church kitchen.

Sessions - Meeting Sunday May 17th. 11:15 am in the vestry and on Zoom.

Regular Monthly Meetings:

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.

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UPCOMING BIRTHDAY

May 12th - Jay Milne

May 17th - Ruby Edgerly-Walsh

UPCOMING ANNIVERSARIES:

May 13th - Carl & Gina Hilton VanOsdall

May 17th - PD & Kim Kelty

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This means we have three areas of focus to our ministries:

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