

First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street, Barre, Vermont
Welcomes You to Worship
Second Sunday after Pentecost Year A
Sunday June 7, 2026



We are glad you are here. You are a beloved child of God. Join us as we experience our spiritual journey through Christian community and by living God's love in thought, word, and deed.

GATHERING

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Hymns today are from the *Glory to God purple hymnal*

Abenaki Land acknowledgement, welcome and announcements, pastor greeting, and visitor cards.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord! Praise the Lord with instruments and shouts of joy!

People: **God loves justice and righteousness. The earth is full of God's love.**

Leader: Let all of creation revel in awe of God, our creator.

PEOPLE: **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Amen! Let us worship together.

★Opening Hymn No. 149 All Hail to God's Anointed

- 1. All hail to God's anointed, great David's greater Son! All hail, in time appointed, your reign on earth begun! You come to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression and rule in equity.**
- 2. You come with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in your sight.**

3. You shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in your path to birth. Before you on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go, and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
4. All rulers bow before you, and gold and incense bring. All nations shall adore you; your praise all people sing. To you shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascent, Your rule is still increasing; your rule I without end.

PRAYING FOR RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Unison prayer of confession

Holy God, we confess, a bit pridefully, that we appreciate decency and order, forgetting that we seek the order that is of our own making. We confess that clear rules and social norms give us comfort, forgetting how many of your beloved children are hurt and excluded by them. We confess that we place our trust in ability, strength, and the works we produce, forgetting our total reliance on your grace.

Forgive us, God, and free us to live in courageous faith, that we may abide in your righteousness. Amen.

(Silence is kept for individual confession)

Leader: Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Jesus said, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." We have been blessed with God's grace and mercy in

abundance, through Jesus Christ. Know that we are forgiven, and be at peace

People: Hallelujah! 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 (Philippians 4:6-7)

LISTENING

Scripture Lessons Hosea 6:1-6, Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon "Called, Healed, Resurrected" Rev. Dwight McCormick

Meditation music

RESPONDING

★**Hymn No. 321 The Church's One Foundation**

- 1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ the Lord. She is his new creation by water and the word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride. With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**
- 2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth. One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

3. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed. Yet saints
their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?" And
soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the
consummation of peace forever more: till with the vision
glorious her longing eyes are blest, and the Great church
victorious shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and
mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won: O
happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them,
the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

COMMUNION

Liturgy provided by The Presbyterian Church (USA) Book of Common
Worship

Invitation

(Matthew. 11:28, 29; John 6:35; Matt 5:6)

Jesus said: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God, holy and mighty, it is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, and to worship you in every place where your glory abides.

You laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They shall perish, but you shall endure. You are always the same and your years will never end. You made us in your image and called us to be your people, but we turned from you, leaving sin and death to reign. Still you loved us and sought us. In Christ your grace defeated death and opened the way to eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the heavenly choirs and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. You sent your only-begotten, in whom your fullness dwells, to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.

Revealing your love, Jesus taught those who would hear him, healed those who believed in him, received all who sought him and lifted the burden of their sin.

We glorify you for your great power and love at work in Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made us a new people by water and the Spirit.

Words of Institution

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

"Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way he took the cup, saying:

"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of Faith

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Help us, O God, to love as Christ loved. Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against us. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, eternal God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Please resume worship following the main bulletin.

Call for the Offering

In gratitude for God's grace and love, we offer gifts that have been entrusted to us, trusting in God's faithful love and provision. Let us joyfully offer the gifts of our lives!

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Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Holy God, we offer our gifts today and every day, trusting in your promises to heal, reconcile and bring justice and peace.

May all that we offer be transformed into signs of your love and acts of your mercy. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Joys, and Concerns (see insert for our focus of PNNE and church family listed)

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

**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 thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

★Closing Hymn No.509 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

- 1. All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
- 2. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have**

been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

★Benediction

Thank you to Richard Paterson for being our worship leader today!

Regular Meetings:

Session, 2nd Sunday, 11:15 a.m. (hybrid Zoom and in person)

Deacons, 1st Monday, 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Outreach, 1st Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

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

Weekly Meditation Group, Thursdays, 10 a.m. (Zoom)

Building Committee-June 10, 9:30am (In person)

Worship Committee-May 28th, 7pm (Zoom)

Prayers - Each week we pray for a different person or family in our church. This week please keep Barbara Bernatchy and Jon Kilian 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 First Presbyterian Church of Manchester, NH. and Rev. Doug Rickard, State Supply.

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BIRTHDAYS:

June 5th - Kay Oles
June 10th - Karen Peake
June 11th Richard Paterson
June 12th -Gabriel Edgerly-Walsh
June 14th - Jim Phelan
June 15th - Diane Nichols-Fleming
June 15th - Aaron Roberts
June 15th - Ryan Roberts

ANNIVERSARIES:

June 6th - Sally & Tom Koch
June 12th -Richard & Kathy Paterson
June 13th - Pam & Roland Cyr

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We are a Matthew 25 church in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) This means we have three areas of focus to our ministries: **building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty.**