

RESPONDING

***Hymn No. #507 Come to the Table of Grace (verses 1-4)**

Call for the Offering

With gratitude for all God has given us, let us return our offerings to God.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

God, these offerings seem insignificant in light of all that you have offered us. We give because you gave. We love because you first loved us. Receive our gifts and our lives, and use them, we pray, for your reconciling work in the world you love. Amen.

Joys, and Concerns

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer traditional prayer found on p.35 of Glory to God hymnal-Please use Mother in place of Father if that is closer to your heart.

***Closing Hymn No. #463 How Firm a Foundation**

***Benediction**

Postlude

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

Thanks to Alison Cerutti for the beautiful worship music.

Thanks to Cathy Jamieson for helping lead us in worship this morning.

Today's liturgy provided by

**First Presbyterian Church
19 Seminary Street, Barre, Vermont
Welcomes You to Worship
16th Sunday after Pentecost Year A
Sunday September 13, 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.

First Presbyterian Church of Barre, VT

GATHERING

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Hymns today are from the Glory to God purple hymnal

Abenaki Land acknowledgement, welcome and announcements (see insert), pastor greeting, and visitor cards, opening prayer.

Prelude

Call to Worship (from Psalm 103:1-4)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

Bless God's holy name. God forgives. God heals.

Gods transforms with steadfast love. Bless God's holy name.

***Opening Hymn No. Hymns #**

PRAYING FOR RECONCILIATION AND FORGIVENESS

Call to Confession

Before we can hear God's truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. Amen.

(Silent confession of personal sins)

Leader: We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.

Assurance of Pardon (James 5:15-16)

The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God's path of righteousness. Amen.

Congregation: **Amen!**

*Congregational response

***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 all understanding (Philippians 4:7)

LISTENING

Scripture Lessons

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Sermon

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Rev. Dwight McCormick

Meditation music