

West Barre United Methodist Church

**May 11, 2014
Fourth Sunday of Easter**



9:00 am, Worship

*CHORUS:

"God Is So Good"

"God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God's so good to me.

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GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Abundant grace flowing to us, listening ear turned toward us;

PEOPLE: A generous heart giving us the gifts of beauty and friends.

Pastor: A strong arm that helps us up when we fall;

**PEOPLE: These are the gifts of our eternal God and of our earthly parents,
and are worthy of praise. Amen**

*OPENING HYMN:

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

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*PRAYER LITANY FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Pastor: Loving Parent of the human family, we pray this day for our families:

PEOPLE: For the enlargement of our vision that we may learn to see beyond our immediate families to our eternal family, our Lord's worldwide Church, and our basic family, the human race.

Pastor: We praise You, O God, for mothers whose love and patience bear with their children, but who also know when to let go of their offspring.

PEOPLE: We thank You, O God, for children who delight us when they are small; who teach us much during their rebel growing-up years; and who, when grown-up, become our best friends.

Pastor: O God, we give you thanks for relatives who expand our early experience beyond the parent-child circle.

PEOPLE: We are grateful for grandparents who have been loving and resourceful playmates.

Pastor: We thank you for bachelor uncles and maiden aunts who have reassured us, just by being themselves, that it is all right to be single;

PEOPLE: And for the nonconformists, the oddballs, the black sheep in The family, who have added extra spice to our life.

Pastor: O God, bless and strengthen the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, one to another, within our families;

PEOPLE: And confirm us, we pray, as members of the worldwide Christian family and of the whole human family.

Pastor: That hatred may be replaced by love, injury by pardon, discord by union, doubt by faith, despair by hope, darkness by light, and sadness by joy,

PEOPLE: So that, as instruments of your peace, we may celebrate and serve the Prince of Peace forever. Amen

*GLORIA PATRI

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts of the Apostles: Acts 2:42-47 pg. 120

New Testament Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25 pg. 233

CHOIR ANTHEM:

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children may leave after the Children's Time)

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & OF OURSELVES

Offertory Music:

*Doxology #95

*Prayer of Dedication

JOYS, CONCERNS & MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER

O God of Love and Patience, we thank You for our mothers and the vastness of their love for us. They have often been mirrors of your love within our lives. They have tied our shoes, baked us cookies, said prayers for us, laughed at our jokes, and have even waited up for us to come home late at night. For the ordinary ways and countless days of care our mothers have given us, we give thanks. For the times we have been impatient and angry, or caused our mothers worry, we ask forgiveness. O God, we are not perfect as parents or as children, but we know that we are loved by You and that we have been blessed by your gift of mothers to us. We offer this prayer in the name of our Lord Jesus, who loved and was loved by His mother. Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please see Pew Card)*

*HYMN: "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" # 480

NEW TESTAMENT GOSPEL: John 10:1-10 pg. 103

MORNING MESSAGE:

"Jesus – the Shepherd"

PASTORALPRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN:

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

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*CHRIST'S LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION

*UNISON BENEDICTION IN SONG

"Allelu, Allelu"

"Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu!
For the Lord has risen it is true;
Everybody sing Allelu!"

*POSTLUDE

* Means please stand if you are able.

The words to the Gloria Patri, the Lord's Prayer, and the Doxology are printed on the laminated Pew Cards that are located in Hymnal Rack.

Please see an Usher if you would like the following:

- Activity packets for use by children during the worship service.
- Audio equipment for the hearing impaired
- Pew Bibles

GOD'S SERVANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Organist: Naomi Caldwell

Choir Director: Hugh Dudley

Greeters: Vicky Housenecht & Cheryl Maxon

Ushers: Vicky Housenecht & Cheryl Maxon

Liturgist: Eleni Dudley

Flowers: Vicky Housenecht

Nursery:

Children's Church: Danny Shuler & Vicky Housenecht

Bulletin Secretary: Sherril Hickman

Located on the center aisle of each row are Ritual of Friendship pads. We ask that members and visitors alike sign and pass the pad. When all have registered, please return it to the center aisle. Thank you.

During May our highlighted Mission project is the Golden Cross offering. You can read more about this in the April Newsletter. Thank you.

Our Church Life Together

Today, May 11, 2014: **Mother's Day!!; 9:00 am West Barre UMC Worship; 10:15 am, West Barre Sunday School;** 11:00 am, Oakfield UMC Worship

Tuesday, May 13: **7:00 pm, Choir**

Wednesday, May 14: **1:00 pm, UMW; Pastor Larry's Day off**

Saturday, May 17 **7:00 am, West Barre UMM Breakfast**

NEXT SUN. May 18: **9:00 am West Barre UMC Worship; 10:15 am, West Barre Sunday School;** 11:00 am, Oakfield UMC Worship

Next Week –May 18:

Greeters: Dick & Sharon Miller

Ushers: Dick & Sharon Miller

Liturgist: Carolyn Unger

Flowers: Dick & Sharon Miller

Nursery: Noah Preston &

Children's Church: Alice Mathes & Louise Henderson

