

West Parish of Barnstable

Gathered in London 1616 - Present Meetinghouse Erected in 1717

A Church in the Congregational Tradition

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

West Barnstable, Massachusetts



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness;
for we do not know how to pray as we ought....”*

Romans 8:26

To help protect us all, please wear masks.

OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

As a congregation which covenants to walk together in Christian love,
believes that all persons are created equal before God,
and affirms the inclusive love of Jesus Christ,
we welcome to our work and worship all people
regardless of race, gender, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation,
ability, or economic circumstance.

Adopted at Annual Meeting, June 26, 2005

GOD GATHERS US

WELCOME

Pastor Reed Baer

PRELUDE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying K. Medema & J. Schrader
Donna Murphy and John Murelle

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Spirit of God calls to us,

All: With sighs too deep for words.

One: The Spirit of God calls to us,

All: Claiming us,

One: Summoning us to become more than we are now.

All: Calling us by name: God's children, Christ's friends, partners in creation.

One: All standing in the need of prayer.

*HYMN #437 (Green)

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

PENITENT

INVITATION TO OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We are a people of worth and value. We know that. But sometimes we hurt our friends. Sometimes we hurt ourselves. Sometimes we hurt God. Our prayer of confession is a chance to say, "We're Sorry." And to open our self to the possibility of transformation. And so let us pray, together, saying...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us: broken things within us that seem never to mend, empty places within us that seem always to ache, things like buds within us that never seem to flower.

O God of love and grace, help us to accept ourselves; lead us to do those good and true things that are not compromised by anything within us. As

much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us bloom. For all these things, we give you the glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We confess our sins to be set free from the bondage of the past. Therefore, I announce to you in the name of Christ Jesus that you are henceforth set free:

Set free from all the enslaving bonds of your past;

Set free to live powerfully in every present moment;

Set free to love God, to love your neighbor, and to work together to build a peaceful world.

All: Amen!

SOLO

The Simple Path

Mother Teresa

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Luke 18:1-8; Romans 8:26-27

MESSAGE

“Let Us Pray, Together”

Pastor Reed Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #442 (Green)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND PRAISE

One: Thank you, Lord for this moment to worship you and praise you as a community of faith. May we be ever more mindful of the importance of prayer in our everyday lives.

Soloist: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Congregation: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Fill us with love and compassion. Heal our hurts, mend our brokenness and fill our souls with desire to live, love and pray for people everywhere in the world.

Soloist: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O

Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Congregation: O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Assist all persons, young and old, to respond positively and with an adventurous spirit to the grace that you send to us.

Soloist: O Lord, hear My Prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my Prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Congregation: O Lord, hear My Prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. When I call answer me. O Lord, hear my Prayer, O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

We praise you for the opportunity to serve you, Lord, as we meet you in those who are homeless, hungry, tired, lonely, and sick.

Soloist: The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Congregation: The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: All my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

Help us to remember to pray always, and to pray together as you taught your disciples to pray, saying

Our Father, 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING OUR GIFTS

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

(Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ's presence.)

RESPONSVE INVITATION

One: Come, let us celebrate the supper of the Lord!

All: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst."

One: Before us on the table are the ageless symbols of Christ's life given for us.

All: In the earth was the seed; in the seed was the grain; in the grain was the harvest; in the harvest was the bread; in the bread there is life!

One: In the earth was the vine; on the vine was the fruit; in the fruit was the juice; in the harvest was the wine; in the wine is love!

All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

SOLO

Ubi Caritas

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of mystery and grace, we rejoice that you have gathered us in communion with you and with one another. Send us forth with courage renewed and friendships strengthened, to love as we have been loved, to heal as we have been healed, to bring your reconciling forgiveness to others, thy kingdom come, on heaven and on earth. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

WORDS OF SENDING (English)

Benedictus

WORDS OF SENDING (Latin)

Benedictus

POSTLUDE

Prayer from "Finlandia"

Jean Sibelius

*This is my prayer, O Ruler of all nations,
let your reign come; on earth your will be done.
In peace may all earth's people draw together,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, O God of all the nations,
myself I give you; let your will be done.*

(from Hymn #515 - "This Is My Song")

* All who wish, please stand.

PRAYER LIST

*May the presence of Jesus Christ be with those on our prayer list and with those who care for them.
The prayers of the congregation are asked for:*

New to the Prayer List

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)
Winsome Bell (friend of Robin Fryer)
Roberta Booze (Robin Miller's mother)
Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)
Josephine Bugryn (Joy Indomenico's sister)
Sandyi & Ken Campbell (friends of Dianna Henson)
Chris G. (friend of Christie Burns and Reed Baer)
David Darling
Ellen Davis
Judy Desrochers
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Sean F (friend of Rebecca Moberg & the Moberg family)
Tim Foster (friend of Carol Allen)
Jenny Giering (friend of Christie Burns)
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Lee Haselton
Jeanie Hill and family (friends of Greg Williams)
Brian Hughes (neighbor of Joyce Joakim)
Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)
Jason (nephew of Joy Indomenico)
Scot Johnson
Marty Lichterman (one of Van Northcross's best friends)
Ann Lee (friend of Robin Fryer)
Bob Lonkart
Marisa Lonkart (Georgia's and Bob's daughter-in-law)
Jackie Mague
Brad Martin (friend of Marianne and Greg Williams)
Stewart Nelson (friend of Lynn & Randy Parker)
Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)
Joan Perry
Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Savannah
Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)
Ernie Walsh
Tom & Rhys White (Bruce and Pat White's family)
Lee Williams (mother of Tripp Grohe's friend, Mark Williams)
Nancy Woodman (friend of Marianne Williams)

Please notify the church office (508-362-4445) of any additions, deletions or changes you wish to make.

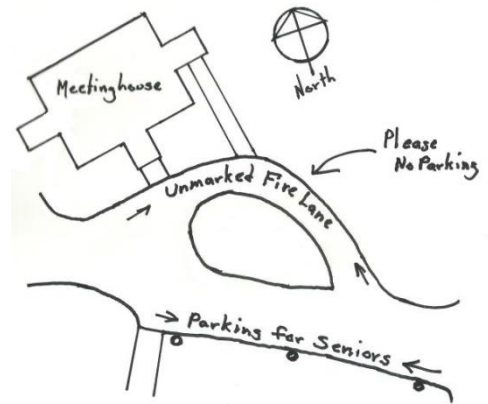
The Week of February 6, 2022

Sunday	2/6/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	2/7/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	2/8/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
Wednesday	2/9/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
		4:00 pm	FS Board
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	2/10/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	2/11/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	2/12/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/13/22	10:00 am	Worship

- ◆ **The ushers today are** members of the Board of Deacons.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ◆ **The flower sponsorship calendar is up!** Stop by the kiosk in Jenkins Hall or call the office to check the dates available and pick one (or more) to sponsor the flowers. For \$32, payable in the office, one of the flower committee will put together an arrangement for you and have it in place in the Meetinghouse.
- ◆ **Coffee Hour is on hold until further notice.**

We ask your cooperation in protecting the 1717 Meetinghouse by not parking your vehicle in or alongside the teardrop closest to the Meetinghouse. Although it is not marked, it is a FIRE LANE and preserves clear access to the Meetinghouse for Emergency Vehicles.

However, more parking is available. At least three, maybe four, spaces can be used on the west side of the Tear Drop for those with mobility issues.



Text to Give

If you haven't tried it out, it's easy:

1. Text 866-586-0169 (the give-by-text number for West Parish) and in the body of the message enter the amount you wish to donate and send.
2. You will receive a registration link. Click on it, enter your contact and payment information then press "Process."
3. After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text and receipt via email.

You only need to register and set up your payment information once.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

Add "West Parish Give by Text" as a contact on your phone to make it even easier!

If you have questions or would like help setting it up, contact Marianne Williams.

Church Staff

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