

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

Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*“One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked,
‘Did I not see you in the garden with him?’
Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.”*

John 18:26-27

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Church School is offered for the children at our 4:30 Saturday contemporary service.

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

“WELCOME TO JERUSALEM” Based on Luke 19:29-40

Rev. Christie Burns

UNISON BLESSING OF THE PALMS

One: Let us pray together.

All: Living God, we thank you for this day of hope, joy and promise. As our ancestors waved palms in praise of Christ, so today we bring our praises. Bless these palms and bless us. May we also announce in our time that Christ has come and will come again. Amen.

PRELUDE AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE PALMS

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

David Paxton

TUNE: "St. Theodulph" by Melchior Teschner

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus is coming!

Many: Who?

One: Jesus! Jesus is coming!

Many: What?!

One: Jesus! He's coming!

Many: When?

One: Now! Jesus is coming now!

Many: Where?

One: Here! Jesus is coming here!

Many: Why?

One: To proclaim that the reign of God is among us.

Many: Hosanna! Jesus is coming!!

*HYMN

“The Palms”

Jean-Baptiste Faure

O’re all the way green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation,
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E’en now the throng to welcome him prepare;

REFRAIN:

*Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev’ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!*

His word goes forth, and peoples by its might,
Once more regain freedom from degradation,
Humanity doth give to each his right
While those in darkness are restored to light.

REFRAIN

Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forevermore.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

We are people of worth and value. When we honestly acknowledge the shame and guilt of our lives, there is a possibility of transformation. Let us pray, putting our trust in the accepting grace of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, on this happy day your Son Jesus entered Jerusalem as joyous crowds cried out for him. Hailed as a “king” by those who thought they knew what it meant.

Yet before the week is over he shall be handed over to cruel men who will torture and put him to death. Before week end, he will be abandoned by all who had pledged to follow him.

These memories are grievous to us, because we recall our own instances of deceit, of betrayal, of cruelty towards others. We recall how we have abandoned our brothers and sisters, how we have cast the first stone, how we have even driven the nails.

Help us face ourselves, O God. Help us be honest with our situations. Then help us to reach out to you, for your forgiveness, for your grace, that we might be healed, transformed, set free for faithfulness. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God offers us the cup of forgiveness, not as something we have earned, but as a gift to all who will accept it. The blood of the new covenant is poured out for many - for you! Take and drink! I say to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven!

Many: Thanks be to God!

SOLO

Hope of The World arr. Lloyd Larson
(Incorporating "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley")

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

John 18:12-27

SERMON

“Round Up the Usual Suspects”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #188 (Green)

“*Before the Cross of Jesus*”

ST. CHRISTOPHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

(At the conclusion of the prayer, all are invited forward to light a prayer candle as a tangible symbol of a prayer which lies close to your heart.)

INVITATION TO OFFERING OUR GIFTS

*In thanksgiving to God and giving witness to generous hearts,
our financial gifts support our ministries here and in the wider community.*

Text to Give instructions are on the back page.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #323 (Green)

"Lo, I Am With You" v. 1, 4-7

PRESENCE

BENEDICTION

One: God is with us.

Many: God is with us.

One: We can face whatever tomorrow might bring because we know...

Many: God is with us.

One: We can dare to stand at the foot of the cross because we know...

Many: God is with us.

One: We can confront the realities of our own sin because we know...

Many: God is with us.

One: Go in peace, knowing that wherever your journey leads you,

Many: God is with us.

POSTLUDE

Wondrous Love - Variation 4

Robert Lau

"And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on..."

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

* All who wish, please stand.

All are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the service.

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

Eli (friend of Sandy Seidsma)

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
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)
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)
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)
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)
Nancy Opp (friend of Bobbie Jordan)
Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)
Joan Perry
Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Savannah
Nick Sherman (friend of the Abrahams)
Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)
Ernie Walsh
Joanne Wastrom (wife of former 1717 Trustee Bob Wastrom
& friend of Donna & Tripp Grohe)
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 April 10, 2022

Sunday	4/10/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	4/11/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	4/12/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		12:00 pm	1717 Foundation (Zoom)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
Wednesday	4/13/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Zoom)
		4:00 pm	FS Board (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	4/14/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		3:00 pm	FS Science Program (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (M)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/15/22		Office Closed
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	4/16/22		
Sunday	4/17/22	7:30 am	Worship in the Garden Chapel
		10:00 am	Worship in the Meetinghouse
			Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

- ♦ **The ushers today** Sharon & Bob Wyman and Ted Gould.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Robin Fryer in memory of her parents, Jan & Tom DeMarco. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **Coffee Hour is hosted today by** Robin Fryer and Ted Gould.
- ♦ **The flower sponsorship calendar is up and there are lots of opportunities to sponsor a week!** 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.
- ♦ **The Coffee Hour sign up** is on the kiosk in Jenkins. If you can spare a little of your time to help with preparing and serving at our Sunday *Coffee Hour* it would be greatly appreciated. It's a wonderful way to socialize with old friends and to make new ones. Thank you.

Sign up for Easter flowers!



Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?
Please fill out the form below and drop off or mail it to the church office
with \$10 per plant by April 13, 2022.

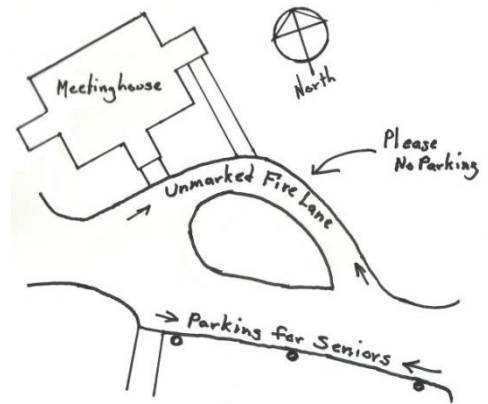
Given by

(please circle one) in memory / honor / celebration of:

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship service.

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, see Marianne Williams.

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