

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

May 1, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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 Connie Bickford

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata I

Felix Mendelssohn

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Astounding good news. A surprise beyond expectation.

Many: The earth rejoices! Christ is alive!

One: Easter is God's light shining in our darkness.

Many: Easter is joy brimming over.

All: Joy that follows us each moment and causes our hearts to sing!

* HYMN #214 (Green)

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

UNISON PRAYER FOR EASTERTIDE:

Holy God, let us be faithful witnesses to the power of your love. Let our lives mirror hope in the midst of despair, let our deeds be filled with compassion in a world of bruising indifference, let our words be truthful when misinformation holds center stage, let our forgiveness build new bridges to reconciliation. Let Easter joy linger in our hearts and fill us with courage and love. AMEN

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SOLO

Ye Servants of God

Charles Wesley (1707-1788) & David Halls

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 30: 4,5 10-12 Acts: 9:1-20

SERMON

Twenty Twenty Vision

Rev. Connie Bickford

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN # 401 (Green)

Amazing Grace

NEW BRITAIN

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.

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.*

OFFERTORY

As We Gather At Your Table

BEACH SPRING

Att. B. F. White/arr. Joshua Evanovich

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

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

INVITATION

Come, all you beloved of the Lord! Come, all of you who wish to know the joy of connecting to God's own self. Come, whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, for this is not our table where we set the boundaries, but rather Christ's table where all are welcome.

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks Loving God for welcoming us at this table, for sharing your own self with us and for sharing our journey. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #215 (Green) Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing! GELOBT SEI GOTT
Melchior Vulpius/Setting: Jane Holstein

"Good Christian men rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia!"

The Strife Is O'er
Giovanni Pierluigi de Palestrina/arr. W.H. Monk

"The strife is o'er, the battle done; The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun; Alleluia!"
(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.

We thank Rev. Dr. Connie Bickford for leading us in worship today. Rev. Bickford is a graduate of Andover Newton with her M.Div. and Boston University with her D. Min. She served as Director of Professional Education at Boston University School of Theology and as Associate Pastor at Dennis Union Church before her retirement. She has volunteered as a mediator in the Barnstable Court system with Cape Mediation and taught mediation at Boston University School of Theology. She is also Assistant Scribe of the Barnstable Association, UCC.

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:*

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)
Sandy & 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)
Bruce White
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.

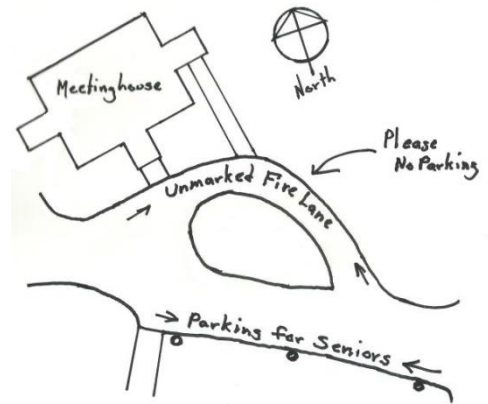
The Week of May 1, 2022

Sunday	5/1/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	5/2/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	5/3/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
Wednesday	5/4/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Zoom)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	5/5/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Crafters (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	5/6/22	9:00 am	Stewardship (G)
		9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	5/7/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/7/22	10:00 am	Worship

- ◆ **The ushers today** are members of the Board of Deacons.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Susan Moeller and arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- ◆ **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.

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.

Church Staff

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