

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

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Annual Meeting

June 26, 2022

10:00 a.m.

“And what more should I say? Time would fail me to tell...”

Hebrews 11:32

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Our Saturday service and Saturday School are off until September.

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

The Greatest of These Is Love
HANDBELLS

Linda R. Lamb

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Many: Thanks be to God!

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Many: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving and praise, because morning has broken, and we are here to enjoy the day!

*HYMN #258 (Green)

"Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

THE COVENANT OF WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE - 2016

Adopted by the congregation on the occasion of the 400th anniversary

We solemnly and faithfully covenant together with God and one another to walk in all God's ways, honoring the past and embracing the future.

As a part of this covenant we vow to:

- love all in word and deed as Jesus teaches;
- openly welcome and affirm all persons;
- respect those with whom we differ and work toward reconciliation;
- work for peace and social and economic justice;
- participate in a Spirit-led outreach with the community and the world beyond;
- respond in our service, worship, and organization to the challenges of

these times, as God guides us;

- engage with the wider Christian community and other faith traditions;
- respect and preserve God's earth.

This we so covenant, relying on the grace of God, the guidance of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SOLO

Give Me Joy In My Heart

John T. Burke

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 11:32-38

Van Northcross

MEDITATION

“Time Would Fail Me to Tell...”

Pastor Reed

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 12:1-3 The Message

Van Northcross

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #494 (Green)

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

GRAND ISLE

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

Siyahamba

HANDBELLS

Based on the Zulu melody/Anna Laura Page

"We are walking in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God,
we are dancing in the light of God,
we are praying in the light of God."

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LITANY OF LEAVE TAKING

Council Chair Wendy Northcross: As we prepare to send our pastor off on sabbatical, let us do so with our blessing.

Many: We bring before you Holy One, our brother in Christ, our Pastor, Teacher and friend, the Rev. Reed Baer. We send him on sabbatical with our earnest prayers, asking your blessing upon him, and upon this congregation that he serves.

Council Chair: May this sabbatical be for Reed a time of adventure and discovery. May his travels introduce him to people and places new to him but known to you.

Many: Guide his steps, O God. May he know your accompanying presence on each journey and find you waiting for him, welcoming him, at each destination.

Council Chair: May Reed enjoy, in this time away: a release from responsibilities, a child-like curiosity, and a thorough refreshment of body, mind and spirit.

Many: "Come to me," says Christ, "all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest...for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matt 11: 28 &30)

Council Chair: Grant to him, Gracious God, times of reading, times of play, times of deep contemplation, times of sailing, time of rich conversation, of both leisurely dreaming and focused reflection. And enable him to gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation.

Many: "O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" (Ps. 8:1). "O Lord, how manifold are your Works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." (Ps. 104:24)

Council Chair: Hear your servant when he prays to you, Holy God. Help him to worship you freely, whether in multitude or in solitude, joy or sorrow, in strength or in weakness. Watch over him and draw him close to yourself.

Many: “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God’s presence with singing.” (Ps. 100:1-2). “I will sing of loyalty and of justice; to you, O Lord. I will sing.” (Ps. 101:1).

Reed: I leave you in the care of our church’s leaders and capable staff, including the Rev. Christie Burns; they will steward the gifts and graces of this community of faith in my absence. I pass to the Rev. Bob Naylor the mantle of caring. He and our Associate Pastor will lead you in caring for one another in my absence.

Many: Let God, the God of the spirits of everyone living, set them over this community to lead us, to show the way ahead so God’s community will not be like sheep without a shepherd. (Numbers 27:16-17)

Reed: Friends, hear these words from the Apostle Paul to Christ’s people in Corinth. Let them be my word to you as well as God’s: “Finally brothers and sisters, goodbye. Be cheerful. Keep things in good repair. Keep your spirits up. Think in harmony. Be agreeable. Do all that, and the God of love and peace will be with you for sure. The amazing grace of the Jesus Christ, the extravagant love of God, the intimate friendship of the Holy Spirit, be with all of you.” (1 Corinthians 13: 11&14, The Message).

Many: And to all this we heartily add, Amen!

CLOSING SOLO

May The Road Rise To Meet You Traditional/Lee Dengler

ANNUAL MEETING

We now continue with our Annual Meeting.

All are invited to attend and participate; members may vote.

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

Dottie Brower

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)

Roberta Booze (Robin Miller's mother)

Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)

Josephine Bugryn (Joy Indomenico's sister)

Ellen Davis

Judy Desrochers

Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)

Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)

Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)

Christine Hayes (Stepmother of Lauren Abraham)

Brian Hughes (neighbor of Joyce Joakim)

Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)

Jason (nephew of Joy Indomenico)

J.P. Joakim (Joyce Joakim's son)

Bob Lonkart

Marisa Lonkart (Georgia's and Bob's daughter-in-law)

Jackie Mague

Nancy Opp (friend of Bobbie Jordan)

Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)

Joan Perry

Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)

Savannah (friend of Sharon and John Hunt)

Sophie (Joyce Joakim's sister in law)

Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)

Mary-Ann Tu

Patty Vaughan (friend of Kenyon Gregoire)***Joanne Wastrom*** (wife of former 1717 Trustee Bob Wastrom and 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.

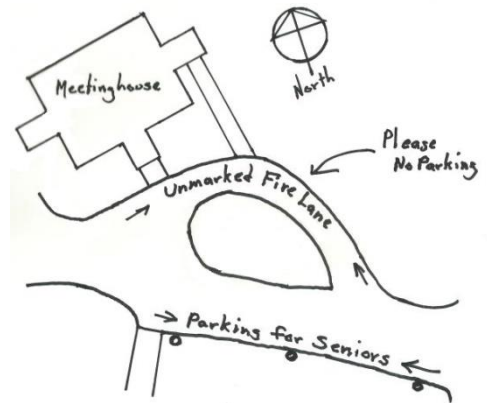
The Week of June 26, 2022

Sunday	6/26/22	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Annual Meeting (M)
Monday	6/27/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	6/28/22	11:45 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Study Group (G)
Wednesday	6/29/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	6/30/22	10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Crafters (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
Friday	7/1/22	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	7/2/22		
Sunday	7/3/22	10:00 am	Worship

- ♦ **The ushers today are** members of the Board of Deacons.
- ♦ **Coffee Hour is hosted today by** Rich and Lauren Abraham.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Susan Moeller in celebration of Sophie Moeller and Anthony Murray. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **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

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
Donna Murphy, Music Director
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