

# *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**

*17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*Worldwide Communion Sunday*

October 2, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

Matthew 11:28-30

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

\*HYMN #29 (Green)

*“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”*

MARION

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

*One: It is understandable if neighbors and passersby are confused. There are so many problems in our world: climate change, gun violence, tremendous inequality, the persistence of racism, to name a few. Yet, we gather together to sing songs of praise, rejoice and embrace a renewed energy. It can all look a bit – strange.*

**All: But we are heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ. This is our identity, it is who we are.**

*One: It is understandable if neighbors and passersby are confused. Daily we are confronted by expressions of hatred and mistrust. Yet, here we speak the language of welcome where none are left out, no matter their origin, ethnicity, gender, age, orientation, or any of the many ways hatred is nurtured. It can all look a bit – strange.*

**All: But we are heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ. This is our identity, it is who we are.**

*One: It is understandable if neighbors and passersby are confused. Everyone thought this liberating, justice-proclaiming Kingdom of God movement was all over. Jesus was executed. The movement should be dead as well. Yet, here we gather with the expectancy that God’s spirit is on the loose and the movement continues to unfold. It can all look a bit – strange.*

**All: But we are heirs of God and joint heirs of Christ. This is our identity, it is who we are.**

*One: Then let us worship the One whose spirit shapes us into a new people, giving witness to the hope that is ours.*

**All: We lift our voice in praise to the God of all Creation, praying that the Spirit of the Living God will fall afresh on each of us, and all of us. Amen!**

PRELUDE

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Anthony J. Showalter/arr. Victor Labenske

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, who creates, sustains, and redeems all life, we come seeking your disturbing presence and comforting peace.**

**We praise you for the joy of being your people.**

**May your Spirit be with us and move within us in this time of worship. Give us hearts that hear your Word, and minds that are open to the transforming power of your love. Amen.**

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.**

### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 11:28-30

SOLO

The Apple Tree

Scottish Folk Song/arr. K. Lee Scott

MESSAGE

“Where to Find True Rest”

Pastor Reed

### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #400 (Green)

*“There is a Balm in Gilead”*

BALM IN GILEAD

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

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.*

OFFERTORY

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

ST. AGNES

John Dykes/setting by Eleanor Whitsett

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**O God, may we who bear your name  
By gentle love your grace proclaim,  
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare  
And your anointing Spirit share. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED**

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

We will celebrate communion by intinction; come forward, take a piece of the bread,  
dip it into the cup, and consume it on the way back to your seat.

If you would prefer to be served where you sit,  
raise your hand and the deacons will come to you.

For those who prefer, please take the packaged communion-to-go.

(We offer a gluten-free, wheat-free alternative – in the plastic bags – for those whose diet so  
requires. we serve cranberry juice out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol.)

INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and  
west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful  
to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor  
and leisure – that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant  
church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*HYMN #414 (Green)

"This Is A Day of New Beginnings"

DRONFIELD

vs. 1 & 4

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in F Major

Attributed to George Frideric Handel

*(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

Loved ones of the late John Jenkins

**Peter Abraham** (Rich's brother)

**Karolina Atsalis** (friend of the Abrahams)

**Dottie Brower**

**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)

**Mike Hovan** (friend of Dan Enos)

**Jason** (nephew of Joy Indomenico)

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

**Marisa Lonkart** (Georgia'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)

**Marilyn Swain** (Janet Joakim's aunt)

**Alexis Teixeira** (cousin of Barbara Walsh)

**Mary-Ann Tu**

**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.*

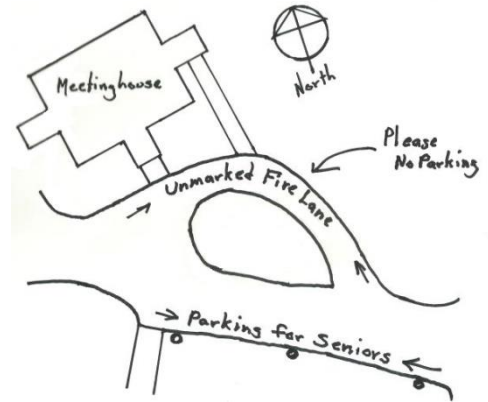
**The Week of October 2, 2022**

<b>Sunday</b>	10/2/22	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	10/3/22	11:30 am - 1:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/4/22	9:00 am 12:00 pm 1:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10/5/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science(J) Bible Study (G & Zoom) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	10/6/22	9:15 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Crafters (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	10/7/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) Three Women Authors (M)
<b>Saturday</b>	10/8/22	10:00 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	John Jenkins Funeral (M) Worship Bell Rehearsal (M)
<b>Sunday</b>	10/9/22	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Worship Ukraine Benefit Concert (M)

- ♦ **Please join us for fellowship at Coffee Hour over in Jenkins Hall.** Our host is Peggie Bretz.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given and arranged by Carol Allen in memory of her husband David.
- ♦ **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  
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