

# *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**

*4th Sunday after Epiphany*

January 29, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“And they went and woke him up, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We are perishing!’  
And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you of little faith?’ ”*

Matthew 8:25-26

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 #1 (Red)

*"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

ST. ANNE C.M.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

*One: People of God, look around and see the faces of those we know and love --*

**Many: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers – a community of kindred hearts.**

*One: People of God, look around and see the faces of those we hardly know --*

**Many: strangers, visitors, forgotten friends – the ones who need an outstretched hand.**

*One: People of God, look around and see all the images of God assembled here.*

**Many: In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.**

*One: People of God, come. Let us worship together.*

PRELUDE

How Can I Keep From Singing

American Folk Hymn/arr. Andy Beck

"No storm can shake my inmost calm, I hear the music ringing...

What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.

What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing."

UNISON PRAYER

**Fit us, O God, for this new day.**

**Through your Spirit, grant us courage, so that today's uncertainties may not overwhelm us.**

**Through your Christ, fill us with love, so that differences may not divide us.**

**Through your creative energy, make us new, so that the past may not enslave us.**

**Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life. 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 8:23-27

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Three Little Birds - Bob Marley

"Don't worry about a thing, 'cause ev'ry little thing gonna be alright.  
Rise up this morning, smiled with the rising sun.  
Three little birds pitch by my doorstep,  
singin' sweet songs of melodies pure and true.  
Sayin', "This is my message to you-u-u,  
'Don't worry about a thing, 'cause ev'ry little thing gonna be alright."

MESSAGE

"No Storm Can Shake My Inmost Calm"

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*SONG

*"Let It Be"*

Lennon and McCartney

**When I find myself in times of trouble, mother Mary comes to me,  
speaking words of wisdom, let it be.  
And in my hour of darkness she is standing right in front of me,  
speaking words of wisdom, let it be.**

**Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.  
Whisper words of wisdom, let it be.**

**And when the broken-hearted people living in the world agree,  
there will be an answer, let it be.  
For though they may be parted there is still a chance that they will see,  
there will be an answer, let it be.**

**Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.  
There will be an answer, let it be.**

**And when the night is cloudy, there is still a light, that shines on me,  
shine until tomorrow, let it be.**

**I wake up to the sound of music, mother Mary comes to me,  
speaking words of wisdom, let it be.**

**Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be.  
Speaking words of wisdom, let it be.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

(If so moved, share a moment of joy with the congregation, and conclude by saying “Give God the glory!”, and the congregation will respond back, “Give God the glory!”)

#### CALL TO PRAYER

*One: God be with you.*

**Many: And also with you.**

*One: Let us pray.*

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

*(Following the prayer, as you are so moved,  
come forward to light a candle as a symbol of an inward 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.  
Text to Give instructions are on the back page.*

#### OFFERTORY

A Time for Prayer

David Paxton

#### \*SONG OF PRAISE

**As those on whom the Spirit fell  
Went boldly forth your praise to tell,  
So may we too be led this day  
To praise you boldly, as did they. Amen.**

#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### GOD SENDS US FORTH

#### \*“ENOUGH”

A prayer by John Van De Laar

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Bridge Over Troubled Water

Paul Simon

"When you're weary, feelin' small, when tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all.  
I'm on your side, oh, when times get rough, and friends just can't be found -  
Like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down.  
When you're down and out, when you're on the street, when ev'ning falls so hard,  
I will comfort you.  
I'll take your part, oh, when darkness comes, and pain is all around.  
Like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down."

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

\* 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

#### **Lauren Abraham**

**Peter Abraham** (Rich's brother)  
**Karolina Atsalis** (friend of the Abrahams)  
**Kate Bihler** (friend of Robin Fryer)  
**Pearl Burbank Bond** (friend of Jean Birch)  
**Margaret and Bill Brummel** (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)  
**Josephine Bugryn** (Joy Indomenico's sister)  
**Faith Clark** (sister of Rik Clark)  
**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)  
**Joy Indomenico**  
**Dan Joakim** (Joyce Joakim's son)  
**Martha Lant** (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)  
**Marisa Lonkart** (Georgia's daughter-in-law)  
**Rev. Deborah Mahaney** (friend of Robin Fryer)  
**Jack Parmer** (friend of Carol Allen)  
**Sylvia Powers** (friend of Barbara Rogers)  
**Savannah** (friend of Sharon and John Hunt)  
**Sophie** (Joyce Joakim's sister in law)  
**Shirley Stolte**  
**Marilyn Swain** (Janet Joakim's aunt)  
**Alexis Teixeira** (cousin of Barbara Walsh)  
**Mary-Ann Tu**  
**Steve and Heather Walker** (friends of Sharon and John Hunt)  
**Nancy Walsh, John Kolf and Jake McGuire** (friend of the Hensons and her grandsons)  
**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 January 29, 2023

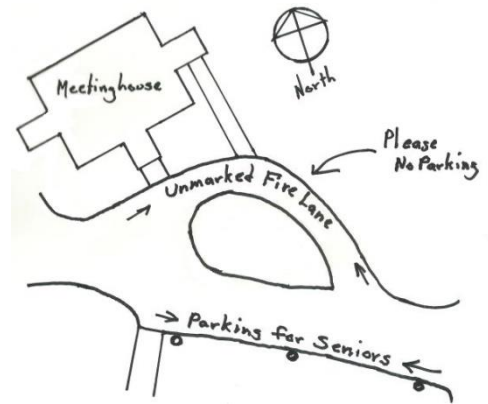
<b>Sunday</b>	1/29/23	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	1/30/23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Church Council (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/31/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	2/1/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	2/2/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	2/3/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	2/4/23	9:00 am 4:30 pm	Draper Birthday (J) Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	2/5/23	10:00 am	Worship

**Key:** FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom

- ♦ **Please join us for Coffee Hour over in Jenkins Hall after the service.** Our hosts today are Sharon and Bob Wyman.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were given by** Peggie Bretz in memory of Cornell Bretz. They were arranged by Kenyon Gregoire.
- ♦ **The 2023 Flower Calendar is up!** Thank you to all who have sponsored the flower arrangements last year. Stop by the kiosk in Jenkins Hall and check the dates for next year and pick one to sponsor the flowers! For \$32, payable in the office, one of us on 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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