

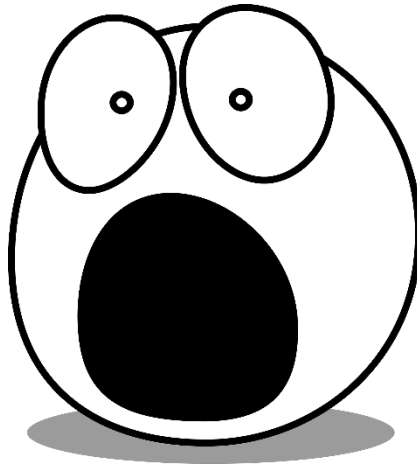
West Parish of Barnstable

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

5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“They sat with him on the ground seven days and seven nights,
and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his suffering was very great.”*

Job 2:13

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 #316 (Green) *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

LINSTEAD

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: The Spirit of God calls to us,

All: With sighs too deep for words.

One: The Spirit of God calls to us,

All: Claiming us,

One: Summoning us to become more than we are now.

All: Calling us by name: God’s children, Christ’s friends, partners in creation.

One: We have been called, and so in joy and in faith, let us worship together!

PRELUDE

Gabriel's Oboe from "The Mission"

Ennio Morricone

INVITATION TO OUR PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: We are a people of worth and value. We know that. But sometimes we hurt our friends. Sometimes we hurt ourselves. Sometimes we hurt God. Our prayer of confession is a chance to say, “We’re Sorry.” And to open our self to the possibility of transformation. And so let us pray, together, saying...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we confess what seems always with us: broken things within us that seem never to mend, empty places within us that seem always to ache, things like buds within us that never seem to flower.

O God of love and grace, help us to accept ourselves; lead us to do those good and true things that are not compromised by anything within us. As much as can be, mend us, fill us, make us bloom. For all these things, we give you the glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We confess our sins to be set free from the bondage of the past. Therefore, I announce to you in the name of Christ Jesus that you are henceforth set free:

Set free from all the enslaving bonds of your past;

Set free to live powerfully in every present moment;

Set free to love God, to love your neighbor, and to work together to build a peaceful world.

All: Amen!

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

2 Thessalonians 3:16-17

MESSAGE

“This Must Be The Worst Part of Your Job!
– Reflections on Parish Ministry Part I”

Pastor Reed

SOLO

Lydia's Song

Robert Merrill Eddy & Kathy Wonson Eddy

SCRIPTURE

Job 2:11-13

MESSAGE

“This Must Be The Worst Part of Your Job!
– Reflections on Parish Ministry Part II”

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #470 (Green)

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PRECIOUS LORD

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

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 ae on the back page.*

OFFERTORY

Voluntary

John Zundel, 1815-1882

*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

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

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For the bread we have eaten, for the fruit of the vine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our heart. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 19:13-14

MESSAGE

“This Must Be The Worst Part of Your Job!
- Reflections on Parish Ministry Part III”

*HYMN #325 (Green)

“Now Let Us From this Table Rise”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
Based on a Southern Folk Hymn

Fred B. Binkes

(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

Karen (sister-in-law of a former parishioner of Bob Naylor)

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 February 5, 2023

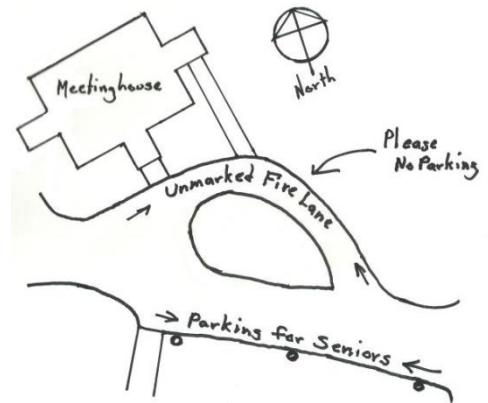
Sunday	2/5/23	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Worship Score Music Recital (J)
Monday	2/6/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	2/7/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30am 12:30 pm 3:00 pm 3:15 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) FS Staff (G) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	2/8/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G & Z) AA (J) Women in the Spirit @ 8 Earl Rd, E. Sandwich
Thursday	2/9/23	8:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Outback Visioning Team (G) AA (J)
Friday	2/10/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	2/11/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/12/23	10:00 am 12:00 pm	Worship Deacons (G)

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 Sarah Wyatt, Peggie Bretz and Georgia Lonkart.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **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.

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