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

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

"Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him."

Matthew 4:11

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

"God of the Ages"

Pastor Reed Baer

*HYMN #537 (Green)

NATIONAL HYMN

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have gathered in the presence of God our Creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

- Many: We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.
- One: We have gathered in the presence of the Holy Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.
- Many: In all our living and in our dying, we belong to God. In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy.

All: Let us worship God.

Meditation on "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" PRELUDE

arr. Joyce Jones

UNISON PRAYER

We gather to worship, O God, under the shadow of the cross, sign of human shame and divine wisdom. Like Jesus, we would faithfully follow in your way; like Jesus, we would live to you and die to you. We are your people; we belong to you. We offer you our worship and our lives. May your name be glorified in your church as we are open to your presence today. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying,

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 4:1-11; Romans 8:31-35			
SOLO	Heal Us Lord John Murelle	Rick Swenton/Ed. Jean Degan		
MESSAGE	"Not Alone in the Wilderne	ess" Pastor Reed		
THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS				
*HYMN #487 (Green)	"Abide With Me"	EVENTIDE		
ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH				
CALL TO PRAYER One: God be with you. Many: And also with you. One: Let us pray.				
 A LENTEN PRAYER One: Jesus the Christ, you refused to turn stones into bread. Many: Save us from using our power, however little, to satisfy the demands of selfishness in the face of greater needs of others. One: Jesus the Christ, you refused to leap from the temple top. Many: Save us from displaying our skills, however modest, to win instant popularity in the face of nobler calls on our abilities. One: Jesus the Christ, you refused to bend the knee to a false god. Many: Save us from offering our devotion, however weak, to cheap or easy religion in the face of the harder path on which you bid us to follow you. One: Jesus the Christ, 				
NVITATION 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.

*SONG OF PRAISE

From all that dwell the earth around Let thanks and praise, O God, resound. Receive these humble gifts, we pray; Let them your love, and ours, display. 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 wine 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 hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding, and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #368 (Green)

"Blest Be the Tie"

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WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude) * All who wish, please stand. Thanks to our guest organist today, Libby Lannon.

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

Debbie Davis (mother-in-law of Dianna & Roger Henson's grandson Nate) Jackie Clayton Bruce White William Manning III (Bill and Heiti's son)

Lauren Abraham **Peter Abraham** (Rich's brother) Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams) 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) Margaret Hornak (friend of the Hensons) Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos) Jason (nephew of Joy Indomenico) Joy Indomenico Dan Joakim (Joyce Joakim's son) *Karen* (sister-in-law of a former parishioner of Bob Naylor) 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) 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.

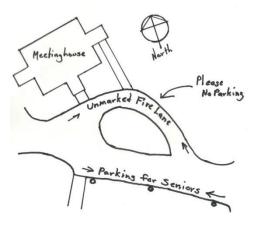
The Week of March 5, 2023			
Sunday	3/5/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	3/6/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	3/7/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J)
Wednesday	3/8/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (Reed's office & Z) FS Board AA (J) Women in the Spirit @ 8 Earl Rd., Sandwich
Thursday	3/9/23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	1717 Foundation AA (J)
Friday	3/10/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (Reed's Office) AA (J)
Saturday	3/11/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/12/23	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 Robin Fryer and Corinne Lilie.
- The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were given by Joanne & Steve Wallace in memory of their son Tom. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- The 2023 Flower Calendar is up! Stop by the kiosk in Jenkins Hall and check the dates available and pick one to sponsor the flowers! For \$32, payable in the office, one of members 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 Kristen Lind, Family School Director Wendy Northcross, Council Chair Christine Burns, Associate Pastor Susan McEwen, Office Administrator Joseph Findlay, Sexton Roberta Jordan, Deacons Chair

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