

# *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 in Lent*

March 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty  
or have to keep coming here to draw water.”*

John 4:15

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 #404 (Green)

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

BEECHER

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

*One: We know we are thirsty. Our souls are not at peace; our relationships are not always as we'd hope; our world is torn by violence and poverty.*

**Many: We see hollow faces and admit our own emptiness. We see people wandering the streets and confess our own aimlessness of spirit.**

*One: Jesus met a woman by a well of water. He gave her water that lived, water that quenched parched souls, water that satisfied deeply and truly.*

**Many: Let us sing praises to the giver of living water. Let us worship the God who seeps deeply into the very fabric of our lives and world so that bubbly, springing, vital, eternal life may come and be ours.**

*One: Come, let us worship God.*

PRELUDE

His Eye Is On The Sparrow

Charles H. Gabriel/arr. Carol Tornquist

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*One: Jesus said, “My yoke is easy and my burden is light.” Let us bring to God in prayer our burden of sin and our yoke of guilt, confident and trusting in the Spirit of grace.*

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(During this meditative prayer, we will pause to pour water into a bowl,  
remembering that Jesus is the Living Water)

**All: When we quarrel, hear us, O God.  
When our faith in you is thin,  
and we turn on each other, we thirst for unity.  
Forgive our words that hurt, O God,**

**and may we drink again from the water of life.**

*(Water is poured into a bowl)*

**In our prejudice, hear us, O God.**

**When our insecurities**

**bring on a fear of others, we thirst for trust.**

**Forgive our narrowness of grace, O God,**

**and may we drink again from the water of life.**

*(Water is poured into a bowl)*

**In our hurt of others, hear us, O God.**

**When we sum people up on hearsay,**

**rather than meet them in their living, we thirst for honesty.**

**Forgive the gossip we believe, O God,**

**and may we drink again from the water of life.**

*(Water is poured into a bowl)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*One: And God says: I am listening to you. Now hear my words to you. I am the water of life, come to me all who are thirsty and you will drink of the living waters and never be thirsty again.*

**Many: Amen!**

ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Isaac Watts, 1707; ROCKINGHAM

Edward Miller, 1790 Setting Alfred V. Fedak

**THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED**

A PSALM OF LIVING WATER

Miriam Therese Winter

*One: You are like a mountain spring, O Fountain of Living Water.*

**Many: I sip from the deep down freshness of Your never-failing love.**

*One: You are like a summer rain, O Sudden Benediction,*

**Many: Drench my soul and quench my thirsting spirit with Your peace.**

*One: You are like a raging sea, O Storm Upon My Ocean,*

**Many: Breaking into bits my fragile bark as I learn to lean on you.**

*One: You are like a cleansing flood, River of Reconciliation:*

**Many: Washing away the selfish self-serving signs of my sinfulness.**

*One: You are like a bottomless well, O Cup of Life-giving Water:*

**Many: Full up to overflowing. Praise be to you, O God!**

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-42

SOLO

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

arr. Jack Schrader

MEDITATION

*“Sitting on the Edge, Thirsty, So Thirsty”*

Robin Miller and Pastor Reed

### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #394 (Green)

*“I Have No Bucket, and The Well is Deep”*

LIGHTCLIFFE

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

O Sacred Head

Johann Pachelbel/Ed. Edward Broughton

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN #383 (Red)

*“Forward Through the Ages”*

ST. GERTRUDE

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

A Lenten Song

Charles Demorest

*(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

**Mary Means** (friend of Robin Fryer)  
**Donna Flaherty** (Robin Miller's neighbor)

#### **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**

**Debbie Davis**, (mother-in-law of Dianna & Roger Henson's grandson Nate)

#### **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)

#### **Bruce White**

**William Manning III** (Bill and Heiti's son)

**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 12, 2023

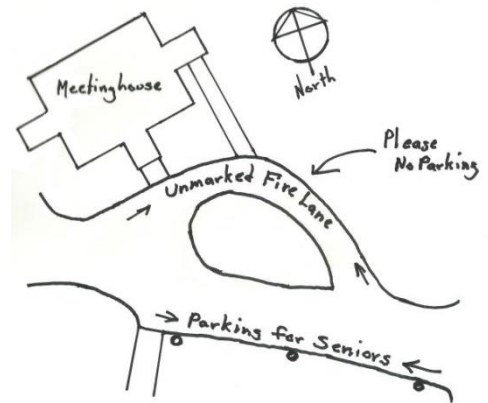
<b>Sunday</b>	3/12/23	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	3/13/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/14/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/15/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (Reed's office & Z) FS Staff AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	3/16/23	8:00 am 5:00 pm	<b>Rooster Crows Articles Due</b> Men's Breakfast @ Jack's Out Back AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	3/17/23	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)
<b>Saturday</b>	3/18/23	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	3/19/23	9:15 am 10:00 am	Outreach (J) 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, Ted Gould, and Karen Datlowe.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Peggie Bretz in memory of Betty Griffin. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **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

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