

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 in Lent

March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

“But I know one thing for sure: I was blind . . . I now see.”

John 9:25

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 #12 (Green)

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: Welcome to this time of worship!

Many: God’s goodness and mercy have followed us day by day.

One: Welcome to this time of worship!

Many: Christ’s light shines ahead of us, showing us the right direction.

One: Welcome to this time of worship!

Many: The Spirit of God is here, knowing our hearts and loving us.

PRELUDE

Savior, Thy Dying Love

Robert W. Thygeron

Based on *Something For Thee* by Robert Lowry

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

In the Form of a Doxology

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.**

ANTHEM

**What Grace and Beauty Shone Edward Denny, 1796-1889
CHETHAM'S PSALMODY, 1718/arr. Crawford R. Thoburn**

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

John 9:1-41 (The Message)

SOLO

Lord of The Small

Johanna Anderson & Dan Forrest

MEDITATION

But I Know One Thing For Sure

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #401 (Green)

"Amazing Grace"

NEW BRITAIN

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 Lamb of God, I Come Edward Broughton
ST. CRISPIN by George J. Elvey & WOODWORTH by William B. Bradbury

"Just as I am, without one plea but that your blood was shed for me,
and that you called inviting me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!"

*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

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #595 (Green)

“What A Covenant”

LEANING

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

The Way of The Cross Leads Home

Edward Broughton

TUNE: "Way of the Cross" - Charles H. Gabriel

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Sign up for Easter flowers!



Fill out the form and drop it off or mail to the church office with \$12/plant by April 5, 2023.

Given by

(please circle one) in memory / honor / celebration of:

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship 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

Tad DeMarco (brother of Robin Fryer)
Toni Malouf

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)

Donna Flaherty (Robin Miller's neighbor)

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)

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)

William Manning III

Rev. Deborah Mahaney (friend of Robin Fryer)

Mary Means (friend of Robin Fryer)

Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)

Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)

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 19, 2023

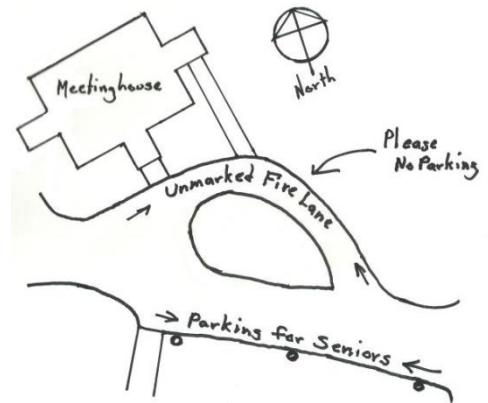
Sunday	3/19/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	3/20/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	3/21/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) Finance AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	3/22/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J)
Thursday	3/23/23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Stewardship (Reed's office & Z) AA (J)
Friday	3/24/23	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	3/25/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/26/23	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, Ted Gould, and Carol Allen.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Lynn Parker.
- ♦ **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
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