

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 in Lent

March 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“What marvelous love the Father has extended to us!
Just look at it—we’re called children of God! That’s who we really are.”*

1 John 3:1

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 #486 (Green)

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

*One: Gracious God, we praise you for the women and men whose faithful witness to your love
inspires the generations of your people:*

**All: Abraham and Sarah, who believed your promise even though they were old
and barren;**

Women: Ruth, whose loyalty to Naomi became a model for people of every time and
place;

Men: Isaiah of Jerusalem, who in a time marked by terror proclaimed that the lion
would lie down with the lamb;

Women: Esther, who through courage and knowing when to break with tradition, as
well as when to honor it, saved her people from destruction;

All: Mary Magdalene, who ran from the tomb crying out that Jesus was alive;

Men: Paul of Tarsus, who was beaten and shipwrecked while carrying the Gospel to
us, the Gentiles;

Women: Augustine, who when the cities of the world were falling apart, saw the City
of God;

All: Martin Luther, who spoke afresh of salvation by grace through faith;

Men: Henry Jacob, who faced prison and loss for his faith, gathering the first
Congregationalists, the founders of this congregation, in 1616;

Women: Sojourner Truth, who dreamed of women and men, black and white, all of
them free;

**All: Elizabeth Crocker Jenkins, a woman of faith who labored for years to save
the Meetinghouse as a place of worship and an historic memorial;**

Men: Martin Luther King, Jr., who worked for the day when we will all be judged by
the content of our character and not the color of our skin;

Women: Mother Theresa, who made her bed among the outcasts, fed the hungry,
and clothed the naked;

All: As we recall the names of these witnesses, we pray that you will embolden us with the spirit of faithfulness that made them live for you. In remembrance of all your saints, let us worship together!

PRELUDE

There Is A Green Hill Far Away
TUNE: "Green Hill" by George C. Stebbins/Lucy Ann Warriner

UNISON PRAYER

Thank you for witnesses of the faith, O God; for those who have helped us hear the story of your people, for the ways the story has touched our lives.

Thank you for the evangelists who have written the gospel, for the power of their telling.

Thank you for the prophets who have disturbed us; for their ability to help us examine our living.

Thank you for the people we have known who have lived out the faith; for the inspiration they have been to us.

Help us also be witnesses to the faith, let our living be consistent with our preaching, let us convey everywhere the graciousness of your love.

We pray together, with all the saints above and here below, as Jesus taught us, 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

FIRST READING

"Otherwise" by Jane Kenyon

Sharon Wyman

SOLO

My Song Is Love Unknown

Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683 & John Ireland, 1879-1962/arr. David Schack

"My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown, that they might lovely be.

This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend."

SCRIPTURE 1 John 3:1-3 N.R.S.V. and the Message Bob Wyman
MESSAGE “Would it Make Any Difference In How You Die?” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN (insert) “*Shall We Gather at the River*” HANSON PLACE

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 ae on the back page.

OFFERTORY

Meditation on "Rathbun"

David H. Hegarty/Based on the tune by Ithamar Conkey

*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 #494 (Green)

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

GRAND ISLE

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Lani Smith/TUNE: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Sign up for Easter flowers!



Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?

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

Barbara Link (Diane Nicholls' sister)

Toni Sorci (friend of Robin Fryer)

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)

Tad DeMarco (brother of Robin Fryer)

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)

Toni Malouf

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)

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)

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 26, 2023

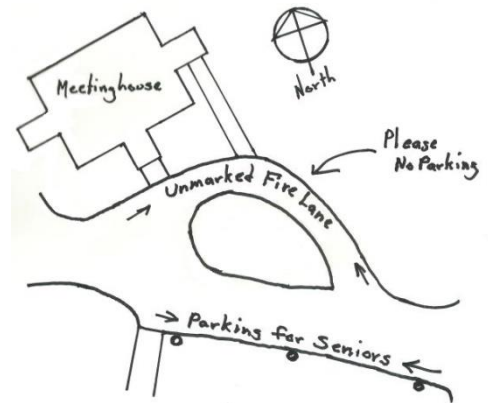
Sunday	3/26/23	10:00 am 11:30 am	Worship Church Council
Monday	3/27/23	11:30 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses Council (M & Z) AA (J)
Tuesday	3/28/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	3/29/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J)
Thursday	3/30/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	3/31/23	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	4/1/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/2/23	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 Kathleen Bridge and Robin Miller.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Sharon Wyman.
- ♦ **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
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