

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

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 2023

10:00 a.m.

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who . . . emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.” *Philippians 2:5-7*

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

SCRIPTURE

Jesus Enters Jerusalem Matthew 21:1-11 *The Message*

BLESSING OF THE PALMS (holding your palm branch in the air)

One: O God, who in Jesus Christ triumphantly entered Jerusalem heralding a week of pain and sorrow, be with us now as we follow the way of the cross. In these events of defeat and victory, you have sealed the closeness of death and resurrection, of humiliation and exaltation.

We thank you for these branches that promise to become for us symbols of martyrdom and majesty. Bless them and us that their use this day may announce in our time that Christ has come, and that Christ will come again.

All: Amen! Come Lord Jesus!

ANTHEM

“Two Processions: A Palm Sunday Hymn” Amanda Udis-Kessler

“Two processions entering Jeruslaem, two opposing kingdoms on display...”

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hosanna to the Son of David!

Many: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

* HYMN #178 (Green)

“All Glory, Laud and Honor”

ST THEODULPH

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O God, we can never simply stand and watch the events of Holy Week as though they are a story belonging to someone else in years gone by. We know with grief that we are there in your story. We are present, bringing with us all that was there long ago. We, too, betray you when things become hard or costly. For every betrayal, forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Many: Forgive us and restore our life this day.

One: We, too, turn our faces away from those suffering injustice. For our every participation in injustice, forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Many: Forgive us and restore our life this day.

One: We, too, absolve ourselves from responsibility for the well-being of others. For our every denial of responsibility, forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Many: Forgive us and restore our life this day.

One: We, too, are part of the violence and abuse suffered by the innocent. For our every silence in the face of violence to others, forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Many: Forgive us and restore our life this day.

One: Death is dealt in the name of our nations, O God, death in war, death through need and starvation, and death through tyrants of oppression. For all death that is done in our name, forgive us, Jesus Christ.

Many: Forgive us and restore our life this day. For we bow in grief before your goodness and pray that you will not do unto us that which we did to you. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Even as he approaches his death, the Christ cries out unto the world that we are forgiven.

Many: We are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Love Consecrates The Humblest Act

Attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760-1842, Silas B. McManus, 1845-1917, arr. Randolph Currie

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.)

SCRIPTURE

Jesus Institutes the Lord's Supper Matthew 26:17-19, 26-30

INVITATION

HYMN (seated) #323 (Green) "Lo, I Am With You" v. 1-3

PRESENCE

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Ruler of the universe, we thank you for your mighty acts of deliverance, when you enable us to cross over from despair to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from death to life. We thank you for the deep love of Jesus, which moved him to risk himself for the redemption of humanity; and for the grace we experience in receiving these symbols of the life he gave. Make us worthy of this great love. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Matthew 15:1-20 The Message

SOLO Via Dolorosa Billy Sprague & Niles Borop

SCRIPTURE Philippians 2:1-11

MESSAGE “Pay No Attention to That Man Behind the Curtain!” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #323 (Green) “Lo, I Am With You” v. 5-7 PRESENCE

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 RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: Let us remember together the gentle teacher who taught us to pray,

All: 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.

One: Let us recall the time Jesus was betrayed.

Many: Healing God, be with us and others when we are hurt by those we love.

One: Let us recall when the government opposed Jesus, who he was, what he proclaimed.

Many: Prince of Peace, be with us and others who work for peace with justice for all people everywhere.

One: Let us recall Jesus praying in Gethsemane, alone.

Many: Steadfast God, be with us and others in lonely times.

One: Let us remember when even Peter denied knowing Jesus.

Many: Forgiving One, be with us and others when we deny you and who you would have us be.

One: Let us remember Jesus and his death, suffering agony on the cross.

Many: Almighty One, be with us and others when agony and despair threaten to overtake us.

One: Let us remember those who cared for Jesus to the tomb.

Many: Ever-Compassionate One, who descended even to hell to save us, be with us and others as we move to places of death with those we love.

One: Let us remember the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues beyond the tomb.

All: Surprising God, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with us and others as we wait for the fulfillment of God's promises, which live beyond human desolation. For your presence in every part of life, we give thanks to you, 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 Offertory on "Maitland" (Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone)
George N. Allen/arr. Edward Broughton

*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 #179 (Green) "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" St. Drostane

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE All Glory, Laud and Honor Robert J. Hughes
TUNE: St Theodulph by Melchior Teschner
(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

* All who wish, please stand.

OUR 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

Jihan Bowes-Little (nephew of Carol Allen)

Doug (Bob Naylor's friend's son,
hopefully winning a 20 year battle with substance abuse)

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)

Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)

Barbara Link (Diane Nicholls' sister)

Marisa Lonkart (Georgia's daughter-in-law)

William Manning III

Toni Malouf

Mary Means (friend of Robin Fryer)

Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)

Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)

Sophia (Joyce Joakim's sister in law)

Marilyn Swain (Janet Joakim's aunt)

Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)

Toni Sorci (friend of Robin Fryer)

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 April 2, 2023

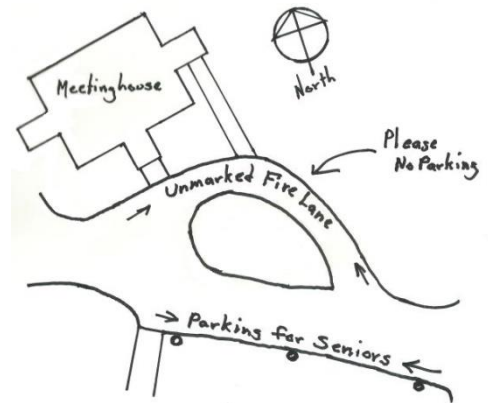
Sunday	4/2/23	10:00 am		Worship
Monday	4/3/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses	AA (J)
Tuesday	4/4/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm		FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) FS Staff AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	4/5/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm		FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J) WITS at 8 Earl Road East Sandwich
Thursday	4/6/23	5:00 pm		AA (J)
Friday	4/7/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm		OFFICE CLOSED Knitting Group (Reed's Office) AA (J)
Saturday	4/8/23			
Sunday	4/9/23	7:30 am 10:00 am		Worship in Garden Chapel Worship Easter Egg Hunt

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 our choir members.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** 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

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