

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 of Easter

May 7, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these [siblings of mine],
you did it to me.” - Matthew 25:40*

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 #257 (Green)

"This Is The Day"

THIS IS THE DAY

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: As we worship together, O God, may we live together.

Many: As we live together, O God, may we witness together.

One: As we witness together, O God, may we journey together.

Many: As we journey together, O God, may we meet together.

One: As we meet together, O God, may we worship together.

Many: And may our worship be in you, O God, as you are in us. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Minor

J.S. Bach

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.**

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.

A TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP

Shirley and Bob Stolte

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

Schmucke dich O liebe Seele (Deck thyself, my soul)

Johannes Brahms, Op. 122

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord.
The life laid down, the life restored;
Alleluia! Alleluia! 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

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.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN

“Church Is More Than Just A Building ”

HYFRYDOL

**Church is more than just a building, more than wood or metal or brick.
Church is how we love our neighbor. Church is how we tend the sick,
feed the hungry and heal the suffering, welcome strangers and give to the
poor.**

All our service is as worship, all our presence an open door.

**Church is more than a weekly gathering. Church is faith that’s come alive,
filling hearts and minds with passion, peace and hope that ever abide.
Even as the building’s empty, we are touched by the by the deepest of grace.
When the holy lives within us we are in a holy place.**

**We’re the church in the path we follow, showing care to those in pain.
In the midst of fear and sorrow, we’re the church and here we’ll remain,
seeking justice, showing kindness, singing praises in all that we do.
Church is more than just a building. It’s our work toward a world made new.**

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING FOR AN EASTER PEOPLE

One: Like Mary Magdalene running to share the good news of the empty tomb,

Many: let us go forth in joy!

One: Like the travelers on the road to Emmaus who recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread,

Many: let us go forth with new vision!

One: Like the disciples receiving the Holy Spirit,

Many: let us go forth in peace!

One: Like Thomas, once full of doubt,

Many: let us go forth with faith.

One: Like the fishermen whose nets were unexpectedly overflowed with catch,

Many: let us go forth with joy!

One: And may the Risen Christ bless you all this day, and always. Amen!

POSTLUDE

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

(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:*

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)
Susan Cochrane
Debbie Davis (mother-in-law of Dianna & Roger Henson's grandson Nate)
Judy Desrochers
Doug (Bob Naylor's friend's son, hopefully winning a 20 year battle with substance abuse)
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Family of the late Chad DeMarco
(relatives of Robin Fryer)
Donna Flaherty (Robin Miller's neighbor)
Gallacher family (relatives of Steve and Joan Gregory)
Jay Gregory
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin
(Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Christine Hayes
(Stepmother of Lauren Abraham)
Steve Howland
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)
William Manning III
Toni Malouf
Diane Marquis (a former teacher at the Family School)
Mary Means (friend of Robin Fryer)
Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)
Sally (widow of Ted, friend of Steve and Joan Gregory)
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 May 7, 2023

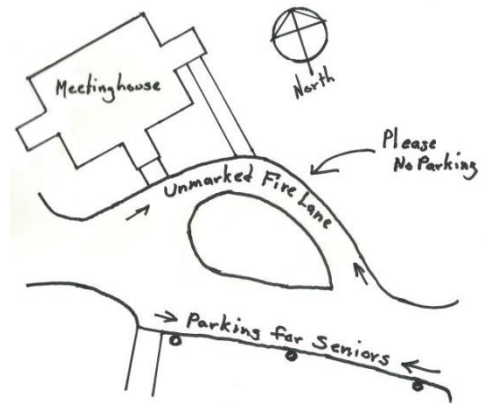
Sunday	5/7/23	10:00 am	Worship
		11:15 am	Deacons (G)
		3:00 pm	American Guild of Organists concert (M)
Monday	5/8/23	8:30 am-3 pm	FS Conferences (G)
		11:30 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	5/9/23	8:30 am-3 pm	FS Conferences (G)
		9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (M)
		12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		4:30 pm	Finance (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
Wednesday	5/10/23	9:00 am	Stewardship (G)
		9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study(G & Z)
		4:00 pm	FS Board (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	5/11/23	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back
		4:00 pm	Foundation (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	5/12/23	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	5/13/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/14/23	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 members of the Board of Outreach.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by The Board of Outreach. They were arranged by Carol Allen.

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

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