

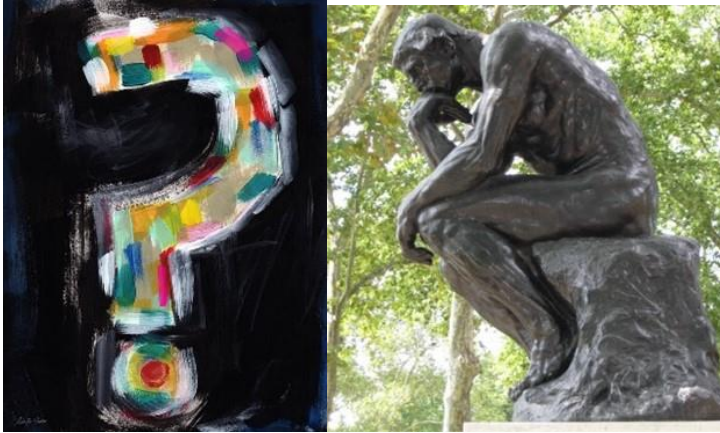
West Parish of Barnstable

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

July 9, 2023

10:00 a.m.

“We get wise by asking questions, and even if these are not answered, we get wise, for a well-packed question carries its answer on its back as a snail carries its shell.”
–James Stephens

“Courage doesn’t happen when you have all the answers. It happens when you are ready to face the questions you have been avoiding your whole life.” - Shannon L. Alder

“If Christ is the answer, why did I fail my math test?” - Anon

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Church School is off until September.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Within These Walls
Cello & Piano

Pepper Choplin

"Within these walls, we assemble. Within these walls, we gather in your name.
As we join our hearts in a holy union, we come to find communion in your holiness
again.

Within these walls, let there be harmony; a common bond; a Spirit from above.
And as your children let us love each other as sisters and as brothers united by your
love...

Within these walls, let there be refuge, a place of rest when doubts and trials form.
And let us lift each other as we gather to find your peace no matter how terrible the
storm...

Within these walls, give us your vision. Within these walls, let us understand that
beyond these walls, there are hurting people who have never felt your
healing hand.

Beyond these walls, send us forward. Beyond these walls, let your will be done.
We are your people; You will leave us never and we shall work together until your
kingdom comes.

Within these walls, let us listen. Within these walls let us pray. Let us pray. "

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Robert Naylor

One: We gather seeking the answers to a blessed and abundant life.

**All: The answer to many of life's most important questions eludes us. We want
the answers to be simple and easy to understand and to implement in our
lives.**

One: God is patient and will keep asking life's most profound questions until we
comprehend the answers that are the foundation for an abundant life.

All: Come, let us gather together as a family of faith and seek in our worship the answer to the most profound question – “Who do we say Jesus is and what does that mean for how we live our lives?”

Let us worship the wisdom made flesh us Christ!

*HYMN # 12 (Green) *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

ST.DENIO

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, the answers to life’s toughest questions aren’t easy to discern and often require a change of attitude or lifestyle. Why do good people suffer? How can we overcome the divisions in our personal lives and our world? Why can’t life be less stressful and lived at a more sane pace? In the words from Scripture, in the hymns that we sing, in the silence in which we linger, in the ardent prayers that we say, surprise us with holy insights that will make us the answer to others seeking an abundant life. Instill in us an inquisitive spirit that is always looking to Christ for the answers. Amen.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Speak O Lord

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

CHILDREN’S SERMON “The Textbook – Study Hard To pass the Test”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

MESSAGE “Ken Jennings (or Mayim Bialik), Jesus Christ, and Final Jeopardy”

Rev. Naylor

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN (insert)

“Open My Eyes That I Might See”

OPEN MY EYES

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Air

C.W. von Gluck (1714-1787)

*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.**

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O God, you have blessed us beyond our imagination. We now give these gifts so that through the ministry of our church we may be a blessing to others. These gifts are but a symbol of the lives that we give in our energetic and faithful commitment to following Jesus. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN # 445 (Green)

“Be Thou My Vision”

SLANE

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Josafin's Waltz

Roger Tallroth Cello

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Thanks to Laura Geiges for sharing her music on cello today.

Thank you to Rev. Bob Naylor for leading us in worship today.

Bob Naylor has preached at West Parish on numerous occasions. He has served churches in Danbury, Simsbury, and Greenwich, CT. He also served in UCC Conference and National Staff ministries. He is the author of the Pilgrim Press, *What Church Leaders Really Need to Know*. He is the lead consultant with a church and clergy consulting and coaching ministry, In Church Imagining. He lives with his “true” Congregationalist wife, Gretchen, in Mashpee.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

Refrain
 that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

WORDS: Clara H. Scott, 1895
 MUSIC: Clara H. Scott, 1895

OPEN MY EYES
 88.98 with Refrain

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

Gerri (friend of Sandie and Dale Seidsma)

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)

Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)

Susan Cochrane

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 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)

Joy Indomenico

Jason (nephew of Joy Indomenico)

Dan Joakim and DJ (Joyce Joakim's son)

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

William Manning III

Diane Marquis (a former teacher at the Family School)

Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)

Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)

Savanna Ramotar (friend of Sharon Hunt)

Sophia (Joyce Joakim's sister in law)

Shirley Stolte

Marilyn Swain (Janet Joakim's aunt)

Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)

Toni Sorci (friend of Robin Fryer)

Gary Toye (brother of Bobbie Jordan)

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 White

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 July 9, 2023

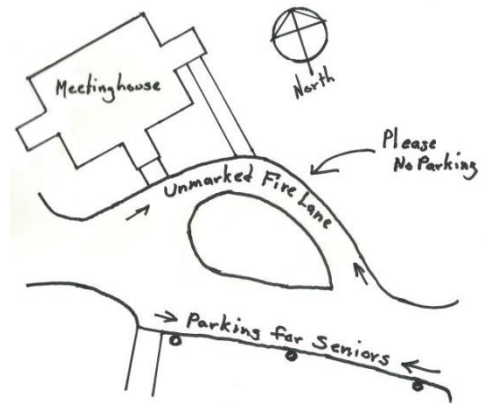
Sunday	7/9/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	7/10/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	7/11/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	7/12/23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	7/13/23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Foundation (J) AA (J)
Friday	7/14/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	7/15/23		
Sunday	7/16/23	10:00 am	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 host today is Ted Gould.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** are given by Van and Wendy Northcross in celebration of their 39th anniversary. 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

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