

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



Blessed Are You Who Bear the Light

*Blessed are you who bear the light in unbearable times,
who testify to its endurance amid the unendurable,
who bear witness to its persistence when everything seems in shadow and grief.*

*Blessed are you in whom the light lives,
in whom the brightness blazes -- your heart a chapel, an altar where in the deepest night
can be seen the fire that shines forth in you in unaccountable faith, in stubborn hope,
in love that illumines every broken thing it finds.*

- Jan Richardson

July 16, 2023

10:00 am

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

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

*HYMN # 258 (Green)

Morning Has Broken

BUNNESAN

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Dirkje Legerstee

One: May the God of the Present-Moment be with you, slowing you down, revealing the sacred gift hidden in each moment of your day. And may you develop a reflective heart, present and open to the mystery and wonder of life. May the blessing of the Present Moment be with you.

Many: May the God of beauty be with you, filling your heart with the beauty of creation, sensitizing you to the beauty hidden beneath ugly hurt and pain. May God open your eyes to the beauty within yourself and to the wonders of God's healing ways for you. May the blessing of Beauty be upon you.

ALL: May the God of Summer be with us, bearing the joy of new life unfolding, thrilling our hearts with a deepened awareness of grace-filled moments. May God's greening power infuse us with hope, so that we may bloom and flourish in life abundant. May the blessing of Summer rise, and shine a resurrection in us.

PRELUDE

Because He Lives

Gaither/Bock

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 139: 7-12; Matthew 5:14-16

MESSAGE

Be Light

Rev. Legerstee

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN

Prayer for Peace

(Written by Ruth Duck)+

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

UNISON PRAYER

Come, Spirit of Light, Best Consoler, Sweet Guest of the soul. Wash what is unclean. Water what is dried out. Heal what is wounded. Bend what is rigid, warm what is frigid, and rule what is wayward. Come and visit us with your perennial joy this day.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-give, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, the hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly way be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For your reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and 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

Andante

A. Schriener

*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

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN # 167 (Green)

“Arise, Your Light is Come!”

FESTAL SONG

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Gavotte

Samuel Wesley

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Those arriving late may be seated during hymns and musical responses.

All are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the service.

Thank you to Rev. Dirkje Legerstee for leading us in worship today.

Rev. Legerstee has served several churches in the SNEUCC over the years, including West Parish Barnstable! She is an InterPlay Leader, and a graduate of the Shalem Institute for Spiritual Formation. As a fellow at the Cohen Center for Holocaust Studies at KSC, she presents her family’s story of survival of WWII, through art and story throughout NE.

Thank you to Libby Lannon for playing the piano for us today.

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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

Pete Tufflie (friend of Bob Wyman)

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)

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

Susan Cochran

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)

Gerri (friend of Sandie and Dale Seidsma)

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 16, 2023

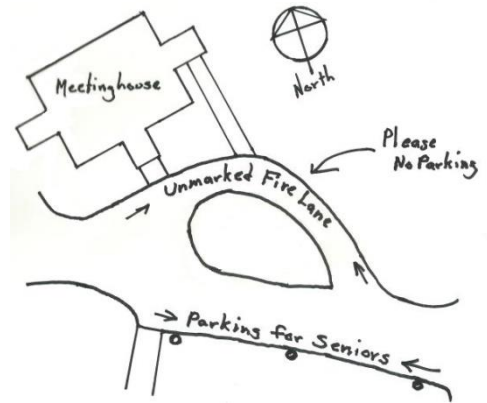
Sunday	7/16/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	7/17/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	7/18/23	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	7/19/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	7/20/23	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fair Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	7/21/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	7/22/23		
Sunday	7/23/23	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 Georgia Lonkart and Peggie Bretz.
- ◆ **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

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