

# *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**

September 3, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*"Don't waste your energy striving for perishable food like that.  
Work for the food that sticks with you, food that nourishes your lasting life,  
food the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last."*

John 6:27

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*

WELCOME

Pastor Robert Naylor

\*HYMN # 353 (Green)    *“Called As Partners in Christ’s Service”*

BEECHER

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Naylor

*One: God of Life,*

**Many: you are as near to us as our breath.**

*One: Touch our eyes,*

**Many: that we may see you in one another.**

*One: Open our ears,*

**Many: that we may hear your voice calling us to be faithful in all that we say  
and do.**

*One: Enter our hearts,*

**Many: that we may be filled with your love toward all people as we go about  
our daily labors and activities.**

*One: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.*

**Many: Be with us now. In our worship once again empower us to be  
ambassadors of your sacrificial love and courageous justice in our beautiful  
and broken world!**

PRELUDE

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ  
Jamaican Folk Tune

LINSTEAD

Adapt. Doreen Potter/arr. John Carter

UNISON PRAYER

**God who labored in creating a universe that exudes beauty and majesty,  
instill in us a spirit that seeks to be stewards of that creation. God who molded  
all people in your image, challenge us to be patient and gracious enough to  
make a committed effort to seek your divine image in everyone. God who  
designed our bodies for work and play and with lifted arms for our praise to  
you and outstretched hands for comforting the lonely and serving the needy,**

we give you our thanks. In spite of our sometimes reticence to fully follow in the way of the carpenter Christ's footsteps, challenge us to come labor on in building your realm. Through our daily mustard seed deeds of discipleship we know the payback of joyous fulfillment will be beyond our deserving. In the name of the One who gave incarnational witness to your eternal job description. 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.

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Psalm 26:1-8, Romans 12:9-21

SOLO All That I Am William Himes

MESSAGE "Not 9-5, but 24/7 – What's the Job Description?" Pastor Naylor

#### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN (insert+) "Are Ye Able Says the Master" BEACON HILL

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

#### 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

Trust and Obey

Daniel B. Towner/arr. Charles Callahan

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**O God, may we who bear your name  
By gentle love your grace proclaim,  
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare  
And your anointing Spirit share. 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 covid-safe communion cup and wafer system.  
(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

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from the east  
and the west, and the north and the south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ.  
Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our  
places of labor and leisure – that whether we are gathered or scattered, we  
may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN # 293 (Red)

*"Come, Labor On"*

ORA LABORA

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Come, Labor On"

Rick Parks, Based on "Ora Labora" by T. Tertius Noble

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

\* All who wish, please stand.

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\*\*Thanks to Maxie Davidson for sharing her vocal talents this morning.

**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.

## 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)  
**Margaret and Bill Brummel** (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)  
**Debbie Davis** (mother-in-law of Dianna & Roger Henson's grandson Nate)  
**Diane** (friend of Sandie and Dale Seidsma)  
**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)  
**Joyce Joakim**  
**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)  
**Pete Tufflie** (friend of Bob Wyman)  
**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 September 3, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	9/3/23	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9/4/23	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9/5/23	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9/6/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	9/7/23	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Fair Creative Crew (J) AA (J) Fair Creative Crew (J)
<b>Friday</b>	9/8/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	9/9/23	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	9/10/23	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.**
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Robin Fryer in memory of those who perished on Maui. They were arranged by Lynn Parker.
- ◆ **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 circle closest to the Meetinghouse. Although it is not marked, it is a FIRE LANE and preserves clear access to the Meetinghouse for Emergency Vehicles.

### **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  
Donna Murphy, Music Director  
Kristen Lind, Family School Director  
Susan Moeller, Council Chair

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor  
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