

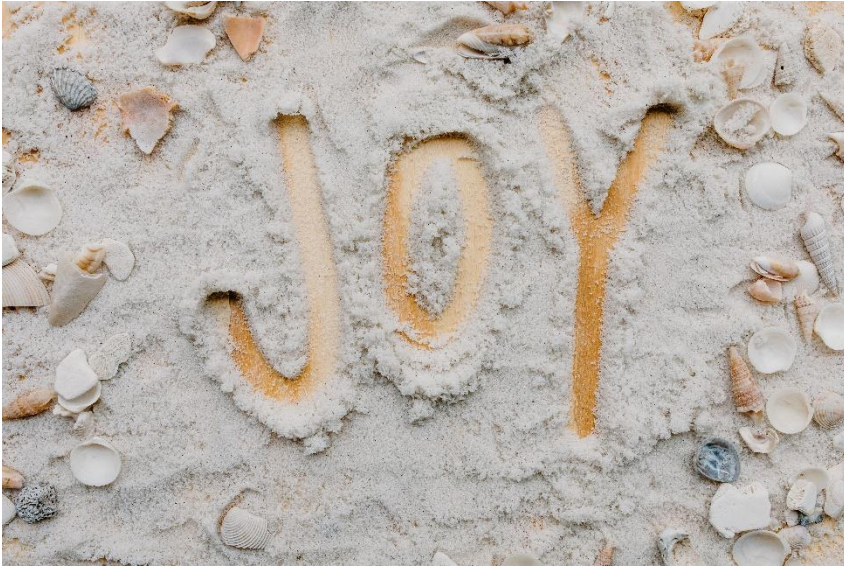
# *West Parish of Barnstable*

*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**

*17th Sunday after Pentecost*

September 24, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you  
and that your joy may be complete."*

John 15:11

All are invited to stay for the full service today.  
Church School is offered at our 4:30 Saturday 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 #258 (Green)

*"Morning Has Broken"*

BUNESSAN

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Jesus said: Love one another.*

**Many: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.**

*One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants: now I call you my friends.*

**Many: We come to worship God, whose friends we are in Christ.**

*One: Jesus said: I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.*

**Many: We come to worship just as we are, knowing that just as morning has broken on this unique day, so too Christ's joy seeks to break through to us all!**

PRELUDE

Ode To Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven/arr. Kenon D. Renfrow

UNISON PRAYER

**Wondrous God: you touch our lives with healing and with justice; new life is your gift.**

**We praise you for the Good News which is ours through Jesus Christ.**

**May this time of worship nourish us with your promise of meaning and purpose.**

**May we be empowered to carry your goodness and joy into the coming week.**

**We pray in the name of the one who taught us to pray together, saying . . .**

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.**

SOLO

He Gives Me Joy

J. Paul Williams & Kirk Bullington

**THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED**

SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-11

MESSAGE

“Watch Out for Joy!”

**THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS**

\*HYMN #7 (Green)

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

HYMN TO JOY

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

Chorale on the melody "Quem Pastores"

Healey Willan

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God for love we all may share**

**Praise God for beauty everywhere**

**Praise God for hope of good to be**

**Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.**

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

### \*INTRODUCTION TO JOY TO THE WORLD

*One: Although it is known to us as a hymn sung at Christmas, the words to this popular hymn were penned by Isaac Watts in 1719 as a paraphrase of Psalm 98. Prior to his time, the only singing in church was literal renditions of the psalms.  
So let us close our service with a timeless song of joy!*

\*HYMN #134 (Green)

*“Joy to the World! the Lord is Come”*

ANTIOCH

### WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out With Joy!

Douglas E. Wagner

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



## 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

**Peggy Nelson**  
**Diane Nicholls**

**Peter Abraham** (Rich's brother)  
**Karolina Atsalis** (friend of the Abrahams)  
**Margaret and Bill Brummel** (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)  
**Doug Clay** (brother of Sharon Hunt)  
**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**  
**Joyce Joakim**  
**Dan Joakim and DJ** (Joyce Joakim's son)  
**Martha Lant** (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)  
**Diane Marquis** (a former teacher at the Family School)  
**Norma McElhenny** (friend of Jane Ketchen)  
**Judy Moakler** (friend of Jane Ketchen)  
**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**  
**Joanne Stubbins** (friend of Jean Birch)  
**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 24, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	9/24/23	10:00 am		Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9/25/23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Foundation Membership Committee (G)	AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9/26/23	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M)	AA (J) Handbells (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9/27/23	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J)	AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	9/28/23	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Fair Creative Crew (J)	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	9/29/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G)	AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	9/30/23	4:30 pm		Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	10/1/23	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Harwich Women's Chorus (M)	Worship

**Key:** FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after the service.** Our hosts today are Sharon & Bob Wyman.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by the White family in memory of Patricia White. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ◆ **The 2023 Flower Calendar is up!** 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  
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