

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“... for in spite of afflictions you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit,
so that you became an example to all the believers....”*

1 Thessalonians 1:6-7

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 #364 (Green)

"This Little Light of Mine"

THIS JOY

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In God's presence, lost and weary lives have found purpose and meaning.

People: People come to this place to find purpose and meaning.

One: In God's presence, people who are sick and troubled have found healing and peace.

People: People come to this place to find healing and peace.

One: The lives of sinners are changed by our compassionate God.

People: People come to this place seeking changed lives.

One: In many places, holy people have proclaimed God's ways of justice and truth.

People: People come to this place to experience and proclaim that message.

One: Come, let us worship God.

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious and loving God, you call us by name, you pour out your love upon us, you empower us by your Holy Spirit, and you shape us into a living message.

Affirm your presence in our lives and in this, your community, so that we can become strong and faithful witnesses to your way in this world.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, 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.

PIANO SOLO

I'm Gonna Sing/Ain't-a That Good News

Spiritual/arr. Larry Shackley

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

SERMON

“Your Life – A Living Message”

Pastor Reed Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #353 (Green)

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

BEECHER

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.
Electronic Giving options are on the back page.*

OFFERTORY

Adagio from Sonata I

F. Mendelssohn

*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

A CLOSING LITANY

One: All living things imitate God. As flowers bloom, as trees bear fruit, as dancers leap high in the air,

Many: they imitate the creativity of God.

One: As we struggle for justice, as we resolve conflict through peace, as we extend our hand to our neighbor,

Many: we imitate the love of God.

One: As we stand firm in our faith, as we teach and nurture our children, as we pray for our world,

Many: we imitate the hope of God.

One: As we give thanks for the gift of life, as we forgive our tormentors, as we worship God each day,

Many: we imitate the holiness of God.

One: So we give thanks to God for God's goodness which is in our hearts and minds

Many: in our strength and soul

One: in our life and love.

Many: Praise be to God! Amen.

*HYMN #463 (Green)

“Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed”

INNOCENTS

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Little Fugue in F

Georg Philipp Telemann/arr. for organ by Kevin Norris

(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

Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

Betsy (Susan McEwen's sister)

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)

Judy Desrochers

Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)

Jay Gregory

Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)

Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)

Steve Howland

Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)

Joyce Joakim

Dan Joakim and DJ (Joyce Joakim's son)

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

Mac MacLaren

Diane Marquis (a former teacher at the Family School)

Norma McElhenny (friend of Jane Ketchen)

Judy Moakler (friend of Jane Ketchen)

Peggy Nelson

Diane Nicholls

Paul (friend of Ellen and Tom Davis)

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)

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)

Linda Watson (friend of Barbara Rogers)

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)

Young-Hee Lee (relative of Andrew Naylor's wife)

Please notify the church office (508-362-4445) of any additions, deletions or changes you wish to make.

The Week of October 15, 2023

Sunday	10/15/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	10/16/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	10/17/23	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (M)
		12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		4:30 pm	Finance (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		5:30 pm	W.B. Civic Association(M)
Wednesday	10/18/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	10/19/23		Rooster Crows Articles Due
		9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Fair Creative Crew (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	10/20/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	10/21/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/22/23	10:00 am	Worship

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

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after the service.** Our hosts today are Scott Lane and the Benwoods.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Peter and Betsy Smith in memory of their parents. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ◆ **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.

Need to get connected? Wi-Fi: Meetinghouse **Password:** 1717Rooster

AED Classes: We are offering two classes with the W. Barnstable Fire Department on how to use the AEDs on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 pm and Saturday, November 4th at 10 am, both in Jenkins Hall. Please sign up at Coffee Hour or contact Susan in the office by Monday to sign up.

ps – this is open to the community, so bring a friend.

Ways to Give:

Venmo @WestParish or scan the QR code.

or **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.



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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

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