

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

“And a voice came from heaven: ‘You are my Beloved Son; in you I take delight.’”

Mark 1:11 (Revised English Bible)

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 (insert+)

"I Come to the Garden Alone"

GARDEN

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Mary Magdalene may have come to the garden alone on that first Easter Sunday,

People: but she left knowing that she would never again be truly alone, for her Savior assured her of his abiding presence.

One: We may have come alone to this Meetinghouse on this Sunday,

People: and yet we know that here we are never truly alone, for here there is a tie that binds us together in Christian love.

One: We may come from scattered lives to this sanctuary, seeking unity in the Spirit, seeking the grace of Christ, and seeking the peace of God.

People: Summoned by our holy God, who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

One: So come, beloved, let us worship God.

PRELUDE

In Heavenly Love Abiding

TUNE: NYLAND, Trad. Finnish melody/James Pethel

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power. God make the door to this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom.

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.

ANTHEM

I Love You, O My God Most High
St. Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556), tr. Edward Caswell (1814-1878)
Daniel trad. Irish melody/arr. David Hogan

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

A READING

Late Fragment

Raymond Carver

And did you get what
you wanted from this life, even so?
I did.
And what did you want?
To call myself beloved, to feel myself
beloved on the earth.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Apple Tree

Scottish Folk Song/arr. K. Lee Scott
Duet - Maxie Davidson & John Murelle

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:1-11

SERMON

“This is Who You are – Beloved!”

Pastor Reed Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #327 (Green)

“I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

WATERLIFE

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.
Venmo instructions are on the back page of the bulletin.*

OFFERTORY

Voluntary
Francesco Geminiani (1674-1762)/arr. George Blake

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #368 (Green)

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

DENNIS

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Allegro
(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude) G. F. Handel

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I Come to the Garden Alone

(In the Garden)

John 20:14-18

C. Austin Miles, 1912

1 I come to the gar-den a-lone, while the dew is still on the
 2 He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet the birds hush their
 3 I'd stay in the gar-den with him, though the night a-round me be

ros-es; And the voice I hear, fall-ing on my ear, the
 sing-ing; And the mel-o-dy that he gave to me with-
 fall-ing; But he bids me go; through the voice of woe his

Refrain

Son of God dis-clos-es.
 in my heart is ring-ing. And he walks with me, and he
 voice to me is call-ing.

talks with me, and he tells me I am his own, And the

joy we share as we tar-ry there, none oth-er has ev-er known.

C. Austin Miles wrote this hymn and its music to tell the story of Mary Magdalene's encounter with Jesus at the tomb, when she recognizes him and calls him "Rabboni" ("Teacher").

Tune: GARDEN 8.9.5.5.7. with refrain
 C. Austin Miles, 1912

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)
Betsy (Susan McEwen's sister)
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
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)
Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

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

The Week of October 22, 2023

Sunday	10/22/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	10/23/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	10/24/23	12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
Wednesday	10/25/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:30 pm	AED Training (J)
Thursday	10/26/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Fair Creative Crew (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	10/27/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	10/28/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/29/23	10:00 am	Worship
		3:00-6:00 pm	Youth Group (M & J)
		3:30 pm	Trunk or Treat in the Meetinghouse

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 host today is Carol Allen.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Kathleen & Stan Warren in memory of Alma Warren. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ◆ **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.

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

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To make a donation, simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera or search "@WestParish" on the Venmo app.

Be sure you select "West Parish of Barnstable" under the charity profiles.

If you would like your donation to go toward something specific like "Deacons", just note that in the description.

Church Staff

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