

# *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**

*22nd Sunday after Pentecost*

October 29, 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 #445 (Green)

*“Be Thou My Vision”*

SLANE

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: In God’s presence, the lost and disoriented have found clarity of sight and new vision.*

**People: People come to this place for renewed sight and vision.**

*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 the lost and wandering 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

Voluntary

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

In the Form of a Doxology

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,  
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,  
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being,  
create persons in your own image,  
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will  
declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,  
you have come to us  
and shared our common lot,  
conquering sin and death  
and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be your servants in the service of others,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.  
Amen.**

**ANTHEM**

**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)  
Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio with "Amazing Grace"  
NEW BRITAIN, words by John Newton/arr. Joel Raney**

**THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE**

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

**SOLO**

**Lean On Me (Everlasting Arms)**

**arr. Pepper Choplin**

SERMON

“Your Life – A Living Message”

Pastor Reed Baer

**THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS**

\*HYMN #363 (Green)

“*In the Midst of New Dimensions*”

NEW DIMENSIONS

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

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.**

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.*

OFFERTORY

Andante

Richard Leveridge

\*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**

\*HYMN #477 (Green)

“*God of Grace and God of Glory*”

CWM RHONDDA

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G minor  
*(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)*

J. S. Bach

## 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

*Ned Flynn* (Ted's father)

*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*

*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*

*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 29, 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	10/29/23	10:00 am 3:00-6:00 pm 3:30 pm	Worship Youth Group (M & J) Trunk or Treat in the Meetinghouse
<b>Monday</b>	10/30/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/31/23	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11/1/23	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) Faculty (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	11/2/23	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Fair Creative Crew (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	11/3/22	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	11/4/23	10:00 am 4:30 pm	AED Training Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	11/5/23	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 Shirley and Bob Stolte.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Janet Scarpato in memory of Bob Scarpato. They were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- ◆ **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

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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**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
Donna Murphy, Music Director  
Kristen Lind, Family School Director  
Susan Moeller, Council Chair

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