

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



**For by grace are you
saved through faith; and
that not of yourselves: it is
the gift of God:**

—Ephesians 2:8

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 5, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“Saving is all his idea, and all his work.
All we do is trust him enough to let him do it.
It’s God’s gift from start to finish!”*

Ephesians 2:7-8

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 #442 (Green)

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

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RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, Jesus told us: Love one another.

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

One: Beloved, Jesus told us: 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: Let us offer our praise to God, and live in love and friendship, through Jesus Christ.

Many: Amen.

PRELUDE

God's Amazing Grace!

HANDBELLES

Based on the hymn tunes NEW BRITAIN & MOODY

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. In humility and in faith let us confess our sin to God; who is faithful and just, who will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from unrighteousness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Many: Gracious God, we know that you offer to us forgiveness and healing. We need that healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face..

Forgive us; set us free to hear your Word to us; set us free to serve you.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good news: Jesus Christ came not to condemn us and the world, but to save us and to save the world. All those in Christ have died to sin and are freed to rise to new life!

All: Thanks be to God!

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 2:1-10 The Message

SOLO Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens
Anna Sophia von Hessen-Darmstadt (1638-1683)
Translated by George A. T. Rygh (1860-1942) Music by John Leavitt

SERMON “Are You Saved? Check with the Attic and the Farmer” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #404 (Green) “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” 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

Pastor Reed

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.*

We now accept Venmo; instructions are on the back page.

OFFERTORY

Here at Your Table , Lord

HANDBELLES

Based on the hymn tune BREAD OF LIFE Dan R. Edwards

*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.**

*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 packaged communion-to-go.

(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

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you gracious God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for the witness we cannot forget and the mission of justice you have made your own. Give us the gifts of the Holy Communion; oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* HYMN #426 (Green)

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

PEACE LIKE A RIVER

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING

One: The Apostle Paul put it this way:

*"If anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation,
Everything old has passed away, everything has become new."*

Many: Once we were the weakest link;

Now, by the grace of God in Christ, we are part of a strong chain.

One: Once you were a string too short to be saved, now, by the grace of God, you are woven into the Divine Tapestry.

Many: Once we were strangers and aliens, now, thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit, we are citizens with the saints.

One: Go forth, therefore, in joy, with the blessing of God Almighty: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

HANDBELLES

Based on the hymn tunes EIN FESTE BURG & LOBE DEN HERREN – Derek K. Hakes

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

* All who wish, please stand.

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)
Ned Flynn (Ted's father)
Jay Gregory
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Steve Howland
Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)
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)
Carol Polidoro
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 November 5, 2023

Sunday	11/5/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	11/6/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	11/7/23	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (M)
		12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
Wednesday	11/8/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		4:00 pm	FS Board (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	WITS at 8 Earl Road., E. Sandwich
Thursday	11/9/23	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast @ Jack's Outback
		9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Fair Creative Crew (J)
		4:00 pm	Foundation (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	11/10/22		Office Closed
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	11/11/23	12:00 pm	Joyce Joakim Memorial Service (M)
		4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/12/23	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 Roger and Dianna Henson.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Corinne Lilie in memory of her mother, Mary Ann Regan. They were arranged by Lynn Parker.
- ♦ **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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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

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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