

# *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**

*Founders Day Celebration*

November 12, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again, and he looked intently,  
and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly.” Mark 8:25*

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

\*SONG

“Hand It Over”

Keb Mo

**If your problems  
Won't go away  
And you're worried  
Both night and day  
Hand it over  
Get on your knees and pray**

**If you're sick  
feeling low  
Got no money  
Got nowhere to go  
Hand it over  
Get on your knees and pray**

**Hand it over  
Hand it over  
Give it up  
Give it up  
Hand it over  
Get on your knees and pray**

**Ain't no mountain  
You can't climb  
Ain't no answer  
You can't find  
All you need is a hand to hold**

**It'll heal your body  
And feed your soul**

**If the road is dark  
And you can't find your way  
Just let the spirit light the way  
Hand it over  
Get on your knees and pray**

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: We gather for worship today in the same way as did those who built this Meetinghouse all the way back in 1717.*

**Many: Now, as then, gather the aged pillars of the church, those stout oak beams whose faith has endured over the long haul.**

*One: Now, as then, gather those resilient saints, who in the same way as arching beams are bent to the task of supporting a roof, bend themselves to the ministries to which they are called.*

**Many: Now, as then, gather those with gifts for reconciliation and concord, who through their presence bind us together as small pegs lock beam to truss, pillar to post.**

*One: Now, as then, gather we all, stewards of a living church, breathed into life by God's loving spirit, built into the church of Jesus Christ.*

**Many: We gather for worship today in the same way as did those who built this Meetinghouse all the way back in 1717: in thanksgiving, and with praise!**

PRELUDE

"Knee Deep"

Zach Brown

UNISON PRAYER

**Eternal God, we offer thanksgiving and praise to you on this festive Founders' Day. We give you thanks for those who responded to your call to establish this church.**

**We acknowledge our gratitude for the continuing ministry and mission of our church through the years. We thank you for all that our church has meant to its members, and to those its ministry has touched, and to the United Church of Christ.**

**We give thanks as well for those who have labored to maintain this Meetinghouse, and particularly give thanks for the good stewardship of the 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation in its task of preserving this ancient and storied structure.**

Look upon us this day with mercy. Bless us as we reconsecrate ourselves to you. Help us preserve the best of the past and to be open to a new vision. May this local church long continue to be a sign of your Spirit and a witness to Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER (we will sing this in echo fashion)

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 all our sins...  
And lead us not.....into temptation....but deliver us from evil.

Unison:

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

Echo:

Forever.....and ever....

Our Father....who art in Heaven....hallowed be thy name.

### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:22-24

SERMON

“God is Still Speaking – Get On Your Knees and Pray!”

Pastor Reed

### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\* HYMN #418 (Green)

*“Faith of our Fathers” v. 1-3,  
with Hand It Over*

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You can't climb

Ain't no answer

You can't find

All you need is a hand to hold

It'll heal your body

And feed your soul

If the road is dark

And you can't find your way

Just let the spirit light the way

Hand it over

Get on you knees and pray

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO PRAYER

*One: God be with you.*

**Many: And also with you.**

*One: Let us pray.*

### A LITANY FOR VETERANS DAY

*One: Loving God, today we remember all those who have served in our country's armed forces to preserve the freedoms you have granted to us in this nation, to make it impossible for those who would take away our freedoms from prevailing. For the women and men who serve in the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard,*

**Many: We ask your blessing.**

*One: For the family members who have made great sacrifices to make it possible for their service members to be on watch at home or around the world or to go into harm's way,*

**Many: We ask your blessing.**

*One: For the families who grieve the death of a member who went in harm's way, never to return,*

**Many: We ask your blessing.**

*One: Jesus tells us that no one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friend. For all those veterans who have been willing to lay down their lives for us,*

**Many: We ask your blessing.**

*One: For the veterans of the past wars who bear scars in their bodies and spirits,*

**Many: We ask your blessing.**

*One: For veterans who came home but couldn't "fit in" with their families or communities anymore,*

**Many: We ask your blessing.**

*One: Keep all our veterans in your care today. Grant them the peace they sought to preserve for others. As we honor our veterans, we also pray for peace, and for all those who have worked for peace in different ways. Teach all your people the ways of peace that those who have sacrificed so much for peace and freedom will not have done so in vain. We pray all these things in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ.*

**Many: Amen.**

### 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.*

*We now accept Venmo, instructions are on the back page.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

GOD SENDS US FORTH

CLOSING SONG

“Let It Be”

Lennon / McCartney

When I find myself in times of trouble  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom  
Let it be

And in my hour of darkness  
She is standing right in front of me  
Speaking words of wisdom  
Let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom  
Let it be

And when the broken-hearted people  
Living in the world agree  
There will be an answer  
Let it be

For though they may be parted there is  
Still a chance that they will see  
There will be an answer  
Let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Yeah, there will be an answer  
Let it be  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom  
Let it be

And when the night is cloudy  
There is still a light that shines on me  
Shine until tomorrow  
Let it be

I wake up to the sound of music  
Mother Mary comes to me  
Speaking words of wisdom  
Let it be

Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah, let it be  
There will be an answer  
Let it be  
Let it be, let it be, let it be, yeah, let it be  
Whisper words of wisdom  
Let it be

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Go In Peace”  
Go in peace  
Go in kindness  
Go in love  
Go in faith  
Leave the day  
The day behind us  
Day is done  
Go in grace  
Let us go  
Into the dark  
Not afraid  
Not alone  
Let us hope  
By some good pleasure  
Safely to  
Arrive at home  
Let us hope  
By some good pleasure  
Safely to  
Arrive at home

Sam Baker

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*Steve Gregory* is our music leader for our Saturday @ 4:30 service and is also the owner of Score Studios in Sandwich, as well as a professional musician who often plays with *John Williams*.

*John Williams* has been teaching music and performing for more than 30 years. Majoring in Music Education and guitar, John has performed solo and with small ensembles for several years, including performances with the Boston Guitar Orchestra and Cape Cod Guitar Ensemble. John currently teaches music in the Sandwich Public Schools and SCORE Music studios and performs locally, and has played for us on Saturdays as well.





## 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 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)  
**Joanne Stubbins** (friend of Jean Birch)  
**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 12, 2023

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|------------------|----------|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 11/12/23 | 10:00 am<br>11:15 am          | Worship<br>1717 MHF Annual Meeting (M)             |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 11/13/23 | 9:00 am<br>4:00 pm<br>5:00 pm | Greens (J)<br>Church Council (G)<br>AA (M)         |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 11/14/23 | 9:00 am<br>5:00 pm            | Greens (J)<br>AA (M)                               |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 11/15/23 | 9:00 am<br>5:00 pm            | Greens (J)<br>AA (M)                               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 11/16/23 | 9:00 am<br>5:00 pm            | Rooster Crows Articles Due<br>Greens (J)<br>AA (M) |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 11/17/22 | All Day                       | Rooster Crows Set Up                               |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 11/18/23 | 9 am – 2 pm<br>4:30 pm        | Rooster Crows Fair<br>Worship                      |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 11/19/23 | 10:00 am                      | Worship  |

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

- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by the 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation in recognition of Founders Day. 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

**Venmo** @WestParish or scan the QR code.



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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  
Donna Murphy, Music Director  
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