

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

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 26, 2023

10:00 a.m.

“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’”

Matthew 25:34-36

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 #427 (Green) “My Life Flows on In Endless Song”

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: People of God, let us come to God in worship in this time, just as we are.

Many: A people who thirst, and hunger. A people who are lonely, and grief-stricken. A people who are consumed by anxiety and haunted by addiction.

One: People of God, let us come to God in worship in this time, just as we are.

Many: A people bearing cups of cold water, and nourishment for the needy. A people who have warm arms to welcome, and stories to tell of recovery from that which is not to be borne. A people who has learned to let go and let God, a people who know that liberation is possible in this life.

One: People of God, let us gather for worship, just as we are, in the confidence that our Living God works to heal and empower, comfort and raise up.

Many: Amen! Amen! Amen!

PRELUDE

Sonata – “Siciliana”

Gaetano Valeri (1760-1822)

UNISON PRAYER

Sovereign God, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us. We rejoice in being your own; we live in hope of inheriting the kingdom you prepared for us before the foundation of the world.

But we admit that we forget you when people are hungry, sick, isolated, out of sight. Forgive us, God, that we may never again separate our love for you from our love for the world and its people.

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

Come, O Come, Our Voices Raise

George Withers (1588-1667) & Peter Niedmann (1960 -)

Dedicated to United Church of Christ musicians and the congregations they serve, and in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the United Church of Christ Musicians Association.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:31-46

SOLO

This Little Light of Mine

African/American Spiritual/arr. Joel Raney

SERMON

“Touching the Leper to Cure Us Both”

Pastor Reed Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #395 (Green)

“We Yearn, O Christ, For Wholeness”

PASSION CHORALE

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.*

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

OFFERTORY

Melodia Sacra

Stanley E. Saxton

*SONG OF PRAISE

**We bring these gifts that we might share,
That we might love and be aware.
O God, to us you richly give.
Now let us share that all may live. Amen.**

*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #323 (Green)

“Lo, I Am With You” vs. 1, 4-7

PRESENCE

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

O Brother Man

TUNE: “Welwyn” by Alfred Scott Gatty/arr. Lani Smith

(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:*

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Betsy (Susan McEwen's sister)
Jay Blum (brother-in-law of Besty Miller)
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
Linda Watson (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Joanne Wastrom (wife of former 1717 Trustee Bob Wastrom and friend of Donna & Tripp Grohe)
Bruce and Tom White
Nancy Woodman (friend of Marianne Williams)
Sarah Woodruff (niece of Peter and Betsy Smith)
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 26, 2023

Sunday	11/26/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	11/27/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	11/28/23	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (M)
		12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
Wednesday	11/29/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	11/30/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	11/ /22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	11/25/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/26/23	10:00 am	Worship

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

- ◆ **Please join us for fellowship at Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.**
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by the 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation in memory of Elizabeth Crocker Jenkins. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ◆ **Thank you to all the folks who have sponsored the flowers in the Meetinghouse this year.** The calendar for next year will be up soon.
- ◆ **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.

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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