

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

February 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

Leo Buscaglia

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

WELCOME

Pastor Robert Naylor

HYMN #470 (Green)

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

PRECIOUS LORD

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Naylor

One: Lord, it seems there is too much suffering and brokenness in our world!

All: There seems to be too much clinched fist anger and hatred that is causing hurtful divisions...

One: That is causing us to keep our distance....

All: That is causing too much shouting for personal thoughts to be heard...

One: That is causing misunderstanding that further divides....

All: That is causing emotional disease and physical hurt and illness to increase.

One: Lord, in our worship increase our desire to get “in touch” with the Incarnate One’s call to draw near to each other so that we can....

All: Get “in touch” with the divine image that resides in each human soul...

One: So that we can reach out without fear and offer a healing touch or a loving embrace...

All: So that we can be healers like Jesus in healing the wounds of our hurting world. Let us worship the God who we call The Word made flesh!

PRELUDE

Let's Go Down to The River To Pray

Spiritual/arr. Victor Labenske

UNISON PRAYER

Lord, slow us down, because we are missing the beauty in the world around us and in those whom we meet because we are rushing here or there. Open our eyes that we might see visions of eternity in the miracles of a winter’s day...a clear blue sky, the play of laughing children in the snow, the blazing fire in a hearth. Open our ears that we might hear....whispered words of love that tell us we are not alone on this journey called life; stories of the struggles of others so that we might be a healing presence to them; the laughter that helps

us keep perspective on life and eases our untight souls. Lord, slow us down so that we can live our lives prayerfully and joyously. We pray this in the name of the Jesus, the teacher and healer. Amen.

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

You Are Mine

David Haas/arr. Mark Hayes

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:29-39

SOLO

There Is A Balm

arr. Sonja Poorman

Spirituals (BALM IN GILEAD & KUM BA YAH)

MESSAGE "Healing a Broken World by Getting in Touch without Technology"

Pastor Naylor

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

SWING LOW

Refrain

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, coming for to carry me home?
A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home;
tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

I'm sometimes up, I'm sometimes down, coming for to carry me home;

but still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

The brightest day that I can say, coming for to carry me home;
when Jesus washed my sins away, coming for to carry me home.

Refrain

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 Vanco, the QR code and instructions are on the back page.*

OFFERTORY *Largo from Concerto* Antonio Vivaldi (1678 - 1741)

*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

HYMN # 311 (Green) Let Us Break Bread Together (verse #1) BREAK BREAD

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 covid-safe communion cup and wafer system.
(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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN

Down By The Riverside

**Gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside
down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
gonna lay down my sword and shield, down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, gonna study war no more.**

**I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,**

**Gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside,
down by the riverside, down by the riverside,
gonna lay down my burden, down by the riverside
down by the riverside, down by the riverside,**

**I ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,
ain't gonna study war no more, ain't gonna study war no more,**

GOD SENDS US FORTH

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Tambourin – Francois Joseph Gossec (1734 - 1829)

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

* All who wish, please stand.

All are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the service.

*Thank you to Mariellen Sears for adding her flute music to today's service.

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:*

Ronald Abraham (Rich Abraham's uncle)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Betsy (Susan McEwen's sister)
Jack Bishop (friend of Dale and Sandie Siedsma)
Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)
Doug Clay (brother of Sharon Hunt)
Judy Desrochers
Alice Eck
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
Norm Kansfield (friend of Christie Burns)
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)
Margaret Parker (grandchild of Lynn and Randy Parker)
Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Savanna Ramotar (friend of Sharon Hunt)
Blake Schroeder (friend of Robin Fryer)
Joanne Stubbins
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)
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 February 4, 2024

Sunday	2/4/24	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	2/5/24	12:30 pm 5:00 pm	J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Tuesday	2/6/24	10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	2/7/24	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	2/8/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J) W. Barnstable Festival Committee (G)
Friday	2/9/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	2/10/24	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Yoga Church Plant based dinner after worship
Sunday	2/11/24	10:00 am 1:15 pm	Worship J. Murelle Rehearsal (M)

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. Our hosts are members of our choir.**
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse** were given by Marianne & Greg Williams in memory of Carmella Stasiowski. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ◆ **The 2024 Flower Calendar is up!** Look for your special date(s) and sign up. Then send \$32 to the office and one of the members of the flower committee will put together an arrangement to put 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 hosting 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

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