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

6th Sunday after Epiphany A Musical Mardi Gras Celebration!

February 11, 2024 10:00 a.m.

"And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.."

Isajah 35:10

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 (in the style of Saturday church)

Pastor Reed Baer

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit or you have been here for years. Here at West Parish, no matter who you are, and no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are glad you are here with us today whether you are joining us online or in person. Hello, I'm Pastor Reed Baer, the keyboards we have our Direcctor of Music Donna Murphy, we have our Senior Choir, and as our special guests for this 2nd Sunday service the Dixieland Jazz Group, and together we are

All: One diverse community

Growing up in faith

Reaching out in love.

One: It is good when God's people are together here, and so we can rejoice, because,

All: It's Sunday, Let's Do Church!

*HYMN (insert)

"This Joy I Have"

THIS JOY

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come together, everyone, and bring your stories.

Many: Sing your songs and share in the Spirit.

One: Let your feelings paint the sky like a rainbow of balloons and banners.

Many: And let even the silence speak with a thousand voices in tribute to our loving, living God.

One: In celebration of the gift of life, we come to worship God.

Many: This is the day the lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE Sweet Georgia Brown Kenneth Casey (1925)

A READING "Balloons Belong in Church" by Ann Weems

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, we life up our prayers to you. We lift them up like red and yellow and blue balloons. Or rather, once uttered, they rise up on their own, seeking you, in the way balloons seek to climb up and up.

As we pray in joy, we remember how you, dear Jesus, once were raised up, as well; and we remember how they tried to hold you down with nails and stone.

But we remember also how, through the irrepressible love of God, you rose again.

Raise us this day, we pray. Raise us that we might be irrepressible signs of your love for the world.

This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...

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 That Dixieland Sound Don Besig & Nancy Price

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SPECIAL MUSIC Junk Man Luckey Roberts (1914)

A WORD FROM THE BAND

SPECIAL MUSIC Basin Street Blues Spenser Williams (1928)

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35

MESSAGE "Dare to Dream – and Dance!" Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

* HYMN #29 (Green) "Rejoice, O Pure in Heart" MARION

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, QR code and instructions are on the back page.

OFFERTORY

Deep River

arr. Ron Swain (anonymous spiritual, popularized in 1916)

*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 "When The Saints Go Marchin' In"
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

And when the revelation comes, Oh, when the revelation comes, Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, When the revelation comes.

And when they crown Him King of Kings, Oh, when they crown Him King of Kings, Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, When they crown Him King of Kings.

^{*}DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in, Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in. Yes, when the saints go marching in.

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Black Bottom Stomp Jelly Roll Morton (1925)

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude – you may not be able to do today, however!)

THANK YOU to the Dixieland Jazz Group! Joseph Mongelli - trumpet Paul Chatelain - trumpet George Fichter - horn Chuck Katuska - trombone Thom Bober - tuba

Profound Philosophical Aphorisms to Live By

"If you can smile when things go wrong, you probably know someone you can blame."

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a broken fan belt and a leaky tire."

"Never test the depth of the water with both feet."

"Always remember that you are unique. Just like everyone else."

"Before you criticize someone, walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them you are a mile away and you have their shoes."

"Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead. Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow. Do not walk beside me either. Just pretty much leave me alone!"

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

Adrienne Locklear (family of Kelly and Macayla Washburn)
Nancy Komenda (friend of Carol Allen)

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

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

The Week of February 11, 2024			
Sunday	2/11/24	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	2/12/24	12:30 pm	J. Murelle Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	2/13/24	10:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana
		12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	2/14/24	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
_		4:00 pm	FS Board (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	WITS at Pastor Christie's house
Thursday	2/15/24		Rooster Crows Articles Due
-		9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		12:30 pm	J. Murelle Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	W. Barnstable Festival Committee (G)
Friday	2/16/24	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
-		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	2/17/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/18/24	10:00 am	Worship

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

- ♦ Coffee Hour today is being hosted by Ted Gould.
- ♦ Please join us for fellowship at Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.
- ◆ The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ◆ 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 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 Donna Murphy, Music Director Kristen Lind, Family School Director Susan Moeller, Council Chair Christine Burns, Associate Pastor Susan McEwen, Office Administrator Chris Haven, Sexton Roberta Jordan, Deacons Chair

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