

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

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

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

* HYMN #368 (Green)

"Blest Be The Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of light and delight, who paints smiles on the faces of infants,

Many: who fills empty holes inside hearts, who gives the beloved both remembrance and hope of embrace:

One: Come to us this day, as sun unfolds color from flowers;

Many: Come within us this day as air fills our lungs with life;

One: and moves our spirits with the joy of your Spirit.

All: In Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

PRELUDE

Change My Heart Oh God

Eddie Espinosa

UNISON PRAYER

In this sweet hour of prayer we turn to you, O gracious Creator.

On this first day of the week, we turn to you, brother Jesus, the risen Christ.

On this first Sunday in the season of Lent, we turn to you, brooding Spirit.

We turn to you, and pray that you will turn to us, enlighten us, empower us, remake us.

As a rough piece of wood, turned skillfully on a lathe, is transformed into a work of art, transform us, we pray, that our beauty might be seen not just in how we appear, but in what we do. 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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 10:22-25 (The Message)

SOLO Man Of Sorrows
Based on Isaiah 53:4-6 and words by Philip P. Bliss
Music by Lloyd Larson & Philip P. Bliss

MESSAGE “Why Folk Don’t Go to Church – But Really Need To” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

HYMN #238 (Green) “The Church’s One Foundation” AURELLIA

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 Abiding Love Dorothy Wells

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.**

*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #595 (Green) “What a Covenant” LEANING

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Herzliebster Jesu (O Blessed Jesu)

Johannes Brahms/Ed. John E. West

(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:*

New to the Prayer List

Carol Woodruff (sister of Peter Smith)
Buzz Kolbe (step-brother of Betsy Miller)

Ronald Abraham (Rich Abraham's uncle)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
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)
Nancy Komenda (friend of Carol Allen)
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)
Adrienne Locklear (friend of Kelly and Macayla Washburn)
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 18, 2024

Sunday	2/18/24	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	2/19/24	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Tuesday	2/20/24	10:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Music Lessons (M) Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	2/21/24	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	2/22/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	2/23/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	2/24/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/25/24	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.** Our host today is Peggie Bretz.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse** were given and arranged by Sharon Hunt in honor of her sister, Karen Clay.
- ◆ **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



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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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