

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



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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Lent

March 3, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“The heavens tell out the glory of God, heaven’s vault makes known his handiwork.”

Psalm 19:1

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 #98 (Green) *“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”*

ROEDER

A READING *“If the earth were only a few feet in diameter...”*

Anonymous

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: Be still, and know that God is.

Many: Before creation began, God was.

One: And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

Many: From everlasting to everlasting, God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshipped.

One: Let us praise God in word, in song, with heart, body and soul! Amen.

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love - Variation 2

Robert Lau

"to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM"

UNISON PRAYER

Generous Creator, we celebrate that the very stuff of the earth tells of your holy human story: in the grain and grape, in the decay and regrowth, in the creation and the ruin, the wholly sacred story is told.

In that which we can so easily destroy, the story of heaven is held.

Empower us to take the power you give us, we pray, and use it to live among your creation as a response to that sacred story.

We pray that we might travel lightly through this holy land, live rightly amid a creation that speaks your worth, and share justly of the blessings which come from you alone.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 19

SOLO

Hope of The World (Including "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley")

arr. Lloyd Larson

SERMON

"Wonder, Mirror, Fence, Guide"

Pastor Reed Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #63 (Green)

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

ROYAL OAK

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

Sarabande from "Suite in e minor"

G. F. Handel/arr. Thomas Chesterton

*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.**

*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

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 packaged communion-to-go.

(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

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of mystery and grace, we rejoice that you have gathered us in communion with you, with one another, and with all the saints in glory. Send us forth to be your servant people; to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #527 (Green)

“For the Fruit of All Creation”

AR HYD Y NOS

CLOSING RESPONSES

from the Iona Book of Worship

One: This we know, the earth does not belong to us.

Many: We belong to the earth.

One: This we know, all things are connected.

Many: Like the blood that unites one family.

One: This we know, we do not weave the web of life,

Many: We are merely a strand in it.

One: This we know, whatever we do to the web,

Many: We do to ourselves.

One: Let us give thanks for the gifts of creation.

Many: Let us give thanks that all things hold together in Christ.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Give Praise to God from "La Resurrezione"

G. F. Handel "Dio Si Lodo Cielo in Terra"/arr. Robert J. Powell

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

Sign up for Easter flowers!



Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?

Please fill out the form below and drop off or mail it to the church office
with \$12 per plant by Monday, March 18, 2024.

Given by _____

(please circle one) in memory / honor / celebration of:

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship 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:*

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
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
Buzz Kolbe (step brother of Betsy Miller)
Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)
Adrienne Locklear (family 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 March 3, 2024

Sunday	3/3/24	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Worship Score Music Recital (J)
Monday	3/4/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	3/5/24	10:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Music Lessons (M) J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	3/6/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	3/7/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Friday	3/8/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Saturday	3/9/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/10/24	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 Susan Moeller.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse** were given by Peggie Bretz in memory of Betty Griffin. They 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
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