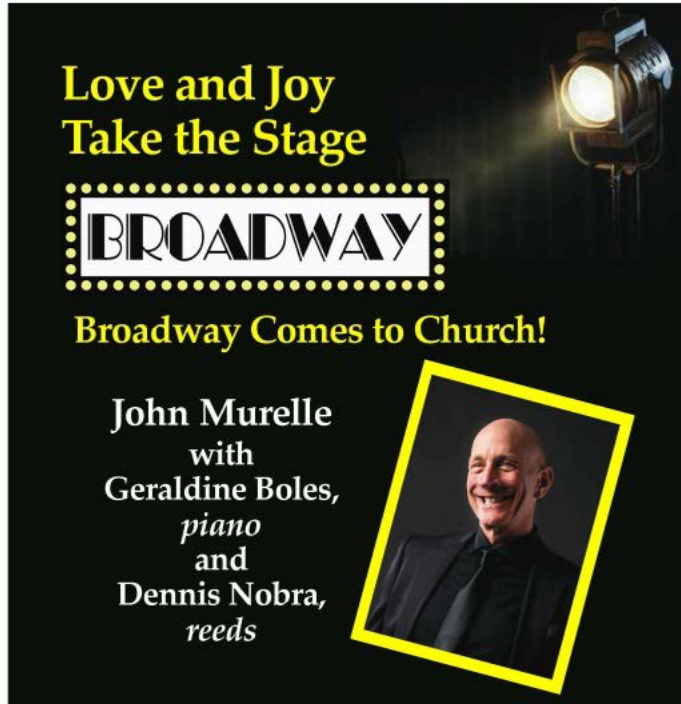


West Parish of Barnstable

Gathered in London 1616 - Present Meetinghouse Erected in 1717
A Church in the Congregational Tradition




Love and Joy
Take the Stage

BROADWAY

Broadway Comes to Church!

John Murelle
with
Geraldine Boles,
piano
and
Dennis Nobra,
reeds



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 4th Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*“Set me as a seal upon your heart,
as a seal upon your arm,
for love is strong as death,
passion fierce as the grave.
Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.
Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can floods drown it.”*
--Song of Songs 8:6-7

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 #404 (Green) *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* v. 1-3

BEECHER

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us this day to a life of joy.

One: With God, joy cracks through the bonds of despair.

Many: With God, joy gilds the edges of even ordinary days.

One: This is the day which our God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Amen.

PRELUDE

“Who Will Buy?”

Lionel Bart

UNISON PRAYER

God of love, you have loved us first and continue to love us. We come before you a people longing to love you in return. We hunger for your healing love in our lives, for we long to love ourselves and our neighbors. Come to us this day, in word, in song, in your comforting, inspiring presence, and fill our longing. We pray as Jesus taught us, 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“From this Moment On”

Cole Porter

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE	Song of Songs	Robin & Jim Miller
SPECIAL MUSIC	“This Can’t Be Love”	Rodgers and Hart
MESSAGE	“Love and Joy Take the Stage – Dig It!”	Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

HYMN #7 (Green)	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” v. 1, 3	HYMN TO JOY
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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. The QR code and instructions are on the back page.*

OFFERTORY Gershwin	“Long Ago and Far Away”	Jerome Kern and Ira
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*SONG OF PRAISE David Waite Yohn (cprt. 2000) Praise Life all creatures here on Earth! Praise Light which guides me from my birth! Praise Law which keeps me on the Way. Praise Love which forms me day by day! Amen.	OLD HUNDRETH
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*DEDICATION OF OFFERING

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #369 (Green)	“A New Commandment” sing twice	NEW COMMANDMENT
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WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“I’ve Got My Love to Keep Me Warm”

Irving Berlin

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

Special thanks today to: John Murrelle, baritone, Geraldine Boles, piano, and Dennis Nobrega, reeds.

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:*

New to the Prayer List

Rev. David Good

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 10, 2024

Sunday	3/10/24	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	3/11/24	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm Board (G)
Tuesday	3/12/24	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	3/13/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J) WITS at Pastor Christie's home
Thursday	3/14/24	8:00 am 9:15 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back FS Science (J) AA (J) WB Festival Committee (G)
Friday	3/15/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	3/16/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/17/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:30 am	Outreach (G) Worship New Member Orientation (G)

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 Sharon and Bob Wyman.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse** were given by Rosalie Jones in memory of her parents, Ralph and Dorothy Cahoon. They were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- ♦ **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.

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