

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

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 24, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“Then all the disciples left Jesus and ran away.”

Matthew 26

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Church School is offered for the children at our 4:30 Saturday contemporary 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

SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:29-40

UNISON BLESSING OF THE PALMS

One: Let us pray together.

All: Living God, we thank you for this day of hope, joy and promise. As our ancestors waved palms in praise of Christ, so today we bring our praises. Bless these palms and bless us. May we also announce in our time that Christ has come and will come again. Amen.

*HYMN

"The Palms"

Jean-Baptist Faure

**O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay,
Are strewn this day in festal preparation:
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare:**

Refrain

**Join all and sing, His name declare,
Let ev'ry voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord!
Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!**

**His word goes forth, and people by its might
Once more regain freedom from degradation.
Humanity doth give to each his right,
While those in darkness are restored to light.**

Refrain

**Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.**

**Through boundless love the Christ of Bethlehem
Brings faith and hope to thee forever more.**

Refrain

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

One: We have gathered in the presence of God our creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

Many: We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.

One: We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

All: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God. In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy. Let us worship God.

PRELUDE

Let The People Sing Hosanna!

Victor C. Johnson

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER AS LENT NEARS ITS END

One: Now comes the march of flint across the countryside of stone.

Many: Now comes the night, deep within the valley of dark shadow.

One: Now comes the shriek of violence, the ghostly echo of betrayal.

Many: Now, the crackle of a coal fire and the crowing of a cock.

One: Soon, the sounds of nails piercing and friends weeping.

Many: Soon, only the silence of a world pressed against its mortal fate.

One: This is your journey, O God. It is taken in love.

Many: This is our journey, too.

One: Following your call may the sounds and sights of Lent, painful and real, be our teacher

All: until the new dawn breaks. 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Polly May Olson

Daughter of Jessica and John Olson

Sister of Sonny Olson

Sponsors: Joseph Robertson and Catherine Robertson

WELCOME

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Leader: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support and care.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

SOLO

Could We Be Magic Like You

Lee Curreri

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

When You Prayed Beneath The Trees

Christopher Idle & Lloyd Larson

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

A Lenten Song

Charles Demorest

*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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SOLO

Via Dolorosa
Amran Biruk, Soloist

Billy Sprague & Niles Borop

MESSAGE

“The Passion in 15 Voices”

Corinne Lilie, Sharon Wyman, Rik Clark, Sandy Clark, Bobbie Jordan,
Bob Naylor, Laura Murphy, Bob Wyman, Carl Heick, Jack Sinnigen,
Peggie Bretz, Allison McNaughton, Betsy Sinnigen, Sarah Wyatt, Marianne Williams

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #179 (Green)

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty”

ST. DROSTANE

A LITANY OF COMMISSIONING

One: Let us recall the time Jesus was betrayed.

Many: Healing God, be with us and others when we are hurt by those we love.

One: Let us recall when the government opposed Jesus, who he was, what he proclaimed.

**Many: Prince of Peace, be with us and others who work for peace with justice
for all people everywhere.**

One: Let us recall Jesus praying in Gethsemane, alone.

Many: Steadfast God, be with us and others in lonely times.

One: Let us remember when even Peter denied knowing Jesus.

**Many: Forgiving One, be with us and others when we deny you and who you
would have us be.**

One: Let us remember Jesus and his death, suffering agony on the cross.

**Many: Almighty One, be with us and others when agony and despair threaten
to overtake us.**

One: Let us remember those who cared for Jesus to the tomb.

**Many: Ever-Compassionate One, who descended even to hell to save us, be with
us and others as we move to places of death with those we love.**

One: Let us remember the Gospel of Jesus Christ continues beyond the tomb.

**All: Surprising God, who raised Jesus from the dead, be with us and others as
we wait for the fulfillment of God’s promises, which live beyond human
desolation. For your presence in every part of life, we give thanks to
you. Amen.**

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Wondrous Love - Variation 4

Robert Lau

"And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on..."

(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.

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)
Alice Eck
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Ned Flynn (Ted's father)
Rev. David Good (friend of Elaine Brouillard)
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 24, 2024

Sunday	3/24/24	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	3/25/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	3/26/24	10:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana
		10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (M)
		12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	3/27/24	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	3/28/24	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		5:00 pm	Handbells (M)
Friday	3/29/24	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	3/30/24		
Sunday	3/31/24	7:30 am	Garden Worship
		10:00 am	Worship
		11:15 am	Easter Egg Hunt

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 Kim and Jared Palmer in memory of Ray and Shirley Palmer. They were arranged by Lynn Parker.
- ◆ **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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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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