

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

Marh 31, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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 AND EASTER GREETINGS

Pastor Reed Baer

EASTER, ACCORDING TO PETER Acts 10:34-43

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

* HYMN #182 (Red)

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today" vs. 1-4

EASTER HYMN

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

*One: Easter begins while it is still dark; Easter begins in despair. Our life, our hope, our love,
forever dead, shut tight in a dank tomb by a crushing stone.*

Many: Who will roll away the stone?

*One: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning, as we are going about the most
mundane of tasks.*

**Many: We find the stone has been rolled away, and we are alarmed – what does
this mean for us?**

*One: God is acting in our midst, to bring new life, to set us free from all that imprisons us – let
us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Many: For Christ the Lord is risen today!

PRELUDE

Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing

Melchior Vulpus, setting Jane Holstein

with "The Strife is O'er"

Giovanni Pierluigi de Palestrina/arr. W.H. Monk

"Good Christian men rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring; Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen."

"The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun; Alleluia!"

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection. We expect to find you among the tombs and the grave clothes of the world, but you are *alive*. Sin cannot bind you; death cannot hold you. Just as we have been weeping and mourning that you have been taken from us, you meet us in the garden of new life and send us running to share the good news. You are risen indeed, O Lord, and so we can believe that through grief there will come joy. 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.

ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rick and Nancy Serodio

Charles Conway

Jack and Betsy Sinnigen

Ken and Diane Juthe

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you affirm your faith in God as your creator, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and light, and in the Holy Spirit as your strength and guide?

All: I do.

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

OWNING THE COVENANT

Pastor: Hear now the Covenant as it is affirmed and practiced in West Parish of Barnstable.

All: We solemnly and faithfully covenant together with God and one another to walk in all God's ways, honoring the past and embracing the future.

As a part of this covenant we vow to:

- love all in word and deed as Jesus teaches;
 - openly welcome and affirm all persons;
 - respect those with whom we differ and work toward reconciliation;
 - work for peace and social and economic justice;
 - participate in a Spirit-led outreach with the community and the world beyond;
 - respond in our service, worship, and organization to the challenges of these times, as God guides us;
 - engage with the wider Christian community and other faith traditions;
 - respect and preserve God's earth.
- This we so covenant, relying on the grace of God, the guidance of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Pastor: Do you so promise, covenant and agree?

Response of those joining: I do.

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

Pastor: Let us, the members of West Parish of Barnstable, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in Christ's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord.

REETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND COVENANT SIGNING

ANTHEM

Because He Lives

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

EASTER, ACCORDING TO MARK 16:1-8

SOLO

Resurrection Victory
words Cecil F. Alexander and Godfrey Thring, music Lloyd Larson

MESSAGE "The Rolling Stone's Millenium Tour (not Taylor's version)"

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #187 (Red)

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

LLANFAIR

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

BELL CHOIR

This Joyful Eastertide

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

A RESPONSIVE PASTORAL PRAYER

One: God of new life, you are with us in this sacred space, in this sacred moment; as you are with all people in all times and places. God of liberty, hear our joyful cries of alleluia, for we need no longer look for you in death, the tomb is empty. We need no longer seek you in an empty tomb, you are alive. We witness you in life, abundant and beautiful life. Alleluia!

And so this we pray, this we vow: Others may counsel resignation and despair,

Many: but we will be bringers of good news.

One: Others might sow discord and hatred,

Many: but we will be beacons of love.

One: Others might go through life bereft of joy,

Many: but we will be bearers of delight.

One: Relationships are often empty of peace, friendships might be torn apart by partisan wrangling,

Many: but we will demonstrate the ways of reconciliation.

One: Some might fill their emptiness with life-destroying behaviors,

Many: but we will provide evidence that there are alternative paths to fulfillment.

One: Others might turn their back of those who have empty stomachs and thirsty mouths,

Many: but we will find ways of providing nourishment.

One: Some people may be fearful of the future,

All: but we will hold before them the promise of peace. May we be a reflection of the compassion of Jesus. All so your abundant love can flow through all the world. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

*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

The Strife is O'er
Handbells

Mark Weston

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord.
The life laid down, the life restored;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #215 (Green)

“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

RESPONSIVE COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: We believe beyond all death, there is the eternity of life,

Many: and we SHALL live it!

One: Beyond darkness, there is a gathering of the light,

Many: and we shall SEE it!

One: Beyond the cross, there is the dance called resurrection,

Many: And we shall DANCE it!

One: Because the tomb is empty your life can be full,

so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God.

Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, and faithful in deed.

Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Lift High the Cross

Sydney H. Nicholson
setting Larry Schackley

"Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign. The hosts of God in unity combine.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

So shall our song of triumph ever be; Praise to the Crucified for victory!"

* All who wish, please stand.

**The children are invited to join together for an Easter Egg hunt following the service.
Please let them get out first or risk being trampled in the excitement!**

Thank you to Tom Borning for adding trumpet to the worship this morning.

Easter Flower Sponsors

Thank you to all who have sponsored our Easter flowers:

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| Steve and Mindy Abbott | in loving memory of Fred and Martha Strauss and Howard and Lois Abbott |
| Peggie Bretz | in celebration and memory of the Griffin and Bretz families |
| Sandy and Rik Clark | in memory of our parents |
| Lisa and Paul Fackler | in celebration of Henry and Chloe Chen |
| Steve and Joni Gregory | in memory of Joan and Bill Balance, Gretchen Gregory, and Charlotte Gregory |
| Rosalie Jones | in memory of Ralph & Dorothy Cahoon |
| Bobbie Jordan | in honor and celebration of my grandchildren and great-grandchildren |
| Ken and Diane Juthe | Happy Easter to the entire West Parish congregation |
| Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer | in memory of our parents and grandparents |
| Heiti & Bill Manning | in celebration of our families and friends |
| Allison McNaughton | in celebration of my family |
| Laura Murphy | in celebration of my amazing family and friends |
| The Palmer Family | in memory of Ruth Northrup, Ray & Shirley Palmer, Katie Fisher, and Gordon Hampton |
| Cheryl Canning Quast | in memory of Richard & Shirley Canning |
| Jody Rice-Hines | in memory of Kenneth Arden Hines, Justine W. Perry, and Raymond A. Rice |
| Rick Serodio | for those who seek social justice |
| Jack & Betsy Sinnigen | in memory of Jack's father, John D. Sinnigen in honor of Jack's mother, Eleanor L. Sinnigen |
| Bob & Shirley Stolte | in memory of loved ones in honor of our family |
| Marianne & Greg Williams | in memory of Florence Stasiowski and Sharon Goguen |
| Sharon & Bob Wyman | in memory of Sunny & Wesley Merritt and Evelyn & Edward Wyman |

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 31, 2024

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| Sunday | 3/31/24 | 10:00 am 11:15 am | Worship Easter Egg Hunt |
| Monday | 4/1/24 | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 4/2/24 | 10:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm | Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Music Lessons (M) 1717 Trustees (G) AA (J) |
| Wednesday | 4/3/24 | 9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) FS Faculty (G) AA (J) |
| Thursday | 4/4/24 | 9:15 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) AA (J) |
| Friday | 4/5/24 | 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) |
| Saturday | 4/6/24 | 4:30 pm | Worship |
| Sunday | 4/7/24 | 10:00 am 5:00 pm | Worship AA (J) |

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 hosts today members of the Board of Deacons.
- ◆ **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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