

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



**“I believe poetry is very old.
It’s very sacred. It wishes for
a community. It’s a community
ritual, certainly. And that’s
why, when you write a poem,
you write it for anybody and
everybody ... It’s a gift to yourself,
but it’s a gift to anybody who has
a hunger for it.”**

Mary Oliver

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

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 AND A WORD ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Pastor Reed Baer

POEM

“The I Am Poem”

Marie O’Neill

*HYMN #327 (Green) “*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry*”

WATERLIFE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen to the good news. God is with us, this day and every day.

**Many: Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage. We can find
some good in everything, for we are never completely alone.**

*One: God’s goodness sometimes seems to come as a trickling stream, sometimes as a freshening
river, sometimes as a mighty flood. But God is always with us.*

**All: We worship you, O God, for your goodness. We praise you with our songs.
We seek you in our prayers. We offer ourselves to you because you are
our God.**

PRELUDE

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Thomas J. Williams, arr. L. Shackley

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious Creator, you have called us together to worship just as we are. We
cannot pretend to be what we are not, for you have made us and know us
through and through. In our weakness, we come with prayers for strength; in
our strength we come with prayers of thanksgiving. Open our hearts that we
might pray with honesty, and await your answers with renewed faith. May our
praise and our worship be unrestrained. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

POEM

“A Bit of Old Doggerel”

Susan Moeller

ANTHEM	“Join In The Dance”	Dan Schutte
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-16 (The Message)	
POEM	“Decorate the Sky”	James W. Miller
MEDITATION	“Yes You Are Marie, Susan, And Jim”	Pastor Reed Baer
SOLO	“The Call”	Ralph Vaughan Williams
POEM	“Ebb and Flow”	Robin Joyce Miller
HYMN #481 (Green)	“ <i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i> ”	LIFT EVERY VOICE

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

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

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.

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	Music for Harmonium	Cesar Franck
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*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God for love we all may share
Praise God for beauty everywhere
Praise God for hope of good to be
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

POEM

“If I Were In Charge of the World”

Marie O’Neil

*HYMN #500 (Green)

“O For A World”

AZMON

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Processional in D

Martha Sobaje

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

Thank you to Charlene Higbe for sharing her musical talents with us this morning.

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)
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 April 21, 2024

Sunday	4/21/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	4/22/24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Council AA (J)
Tuesday	4/23/24	10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Coffee Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	4/24/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Thursday	4/25/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Friday	4/26/24	9 am- 1 pm 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	Stewardship (G) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (Reed's Office) AA (J)
Saturday	4/27/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/28/24	10:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Gondim Birthday Party (J) 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 host today is James Scott Lane.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Heiti and Bill Manning in honor of their wedding anniversary. 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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