

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

6th Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.”

Acts 4:36-37

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

*HYMN #493 (Green)

"In the Bulb There Is A Flower"

PROMISE

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: Come, people of God, and let us worship the One from whom comes every generous act of giving!

Many: We come to worship our God, who is Love, and who has given the earth to all people.

One: We come to worship Jesus Christ, who came to heal us and to free us from all forms of oppression.

Many: We come to worship the Holy Spirit, who works in and through all who have turned to the truth.

One: We come as a community of faith, responding in faith to our Triune God, called to be at the service of all people.

Many: We come to hear God's word, and we come to go forth, strengthened to be doers as well as hearers of the word.

PRELUDE

Nocturne

Edvard Grieg

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

In the Form of a Doxology

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,**

and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.

SOLO

“Lord, Speak To Me”

John Murelle, soloist

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:32-37

MESSAGE

“Imagine That!”

Pastor Reed Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #454 (Green) “*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*”

BEACH SPRING

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

*SONG OF PRAISE

**As those on whom the Spirit fell
Went boldly forth your praise to tell,
So may we too be led this day
To praise you boldly, as did they. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

Thank you gracious God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for the witness we cannot forget and the mission of justice you have made your own. Give us the gifts of the Holy Communion: oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #325 (Green)

“Now Let Us From This Table Rise”

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Canon in D

Johann Pachebel

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Thank you to Geraldine Boles for being our guest pianist today.

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 (stepbrother of Betsy Miller)
Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)
Adrienne Locklear (family of Kelly and Macayla Washburn)
Sue Maki (friend of Joanna Wallace)
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 Toyne (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 May 5, 2024

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| Sunday | 5/5/24 | 10:00 am 5:00 pm | Worship AA (J) |
| Monday | 5/6/24 | 7:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm | FS Welcomes Alycia Williams John Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 5/7/24 | 8:30-4pm 10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm | FS Parent Conferences (G) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Coffee 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation (G) AA (J) |
| Wednesday | 5/8/24 | 8:30-4pm 9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | FS Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G) FS Board (G) AA (J) WITS @ Pastor Christie's |
| Thursday | 5/9/24 | 8:00 am 8:30-4pm 9:15 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | Men's Breakfast at Jack's Outback FS Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) AA (J) WB Festival Committee (G) |
| Friday | 5/10/24 | 8:30-4pm 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm | FS Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (Reed's Office) AA (J) Drowning Saltmarshes talk (M) |
| Saturday | 5/11/24 | 12:00 pm 4:30 pm | Shirley Whitelaw Memorial (M) Worship |
| Sunday | 5/12/24 | 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 host today is Carol Allen.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Cynthia Tooker in memory of Jim & Marie Dinizio. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.

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.

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 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.

Need to get connected? Wi-Fi: Meetinghouse Password: 1717Rooster

Venmo @WestParish or scan the QR code.



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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

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