

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

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

May 12, 2024

10:00 a.m.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

Matthew 5:9

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 #258 (Green)

“Morning Has Broken”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of light and delight, who paints smiles on the faces of infants,

Many: who fills empty holes inside hearts, who gives the beloved both remembrance and hope of embrace:

One: Come to us this day, as sun unfolds color from flowers;

Many: Come within us this day as air fills our lungs with life;

One: and moves our spirits with the joy of your Spirit.

All: In Jesus Christ we pray, amen.

PRELUDE

John Williams

UNISON PRAYER

Dearest Mother and Father us all, morning has broken, the night has fled, a new day awaits each of us. Grant, we pray, that we might cherish this new day as a day of new beginnings: that we might walk with the wonder of Adam and Eve in the garden; that like Mary Magdalene on the first Easter we might be open to your surprising resurrection life; that like Lydia down by the river, we might be transformed by your living Word.

Free us to turn from despair to hope, from a sense of powerlessness to a confidence based in the knowledge of your love for us and your entire creation, from time-worn ways of war to new paths of peace.

This we pray in the name of our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

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 WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:9; Romans 5:1-8

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Redeemed”

Big Daddy Weave

MESSAGE

“Let It Begin With Me”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

HYMN #512 (Green)

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

A LITANY FOR LIFE IN THE FAMILY OF GOD

One: O God, help us to find you through the wonders of family living!

People: Help us to find you through the lives of our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, spouses, partners, close relatives, dear friends, and neighbors.

One: O God, help us to find you through our family in scripture: in the vision of Abraham, the wrestling of Jacob, the purity of Joseph, the strength of Deborah, the conscience of Amos, the faith of a centurion, the vigor of Peter, the humility of Mary, and the forgiveness of Stephen.

People: O God, help us to find you most through the life of our brother Jesus, who walked the highways of the Holy Land leaving behind pictures of you, Holy One. Amen.

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

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #591(green) *“How Great Thou Art”* v. 1,3

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: Isaiah said: “It shall come to pass that the peoples shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Many: This is our vision: That a world of harmony and peace will replace our world of injustice and war.

One: Jesus said: “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”

Many: This is our calling: To know God’s ways of peace, and so to make peace, in our family and community, our nation and world.

One: Paul said: “In Christ God was reconciling the world...not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.”

Many: This is our faith: That in Jesus, we meet the God who makes peace with our wayward and hurting world; and that by his reconciling love, we are moved to bridge the chasms of fear and estrangement.

All: May it be so.

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

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

Thank you to John Williams for being our guest musician 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 (step brother 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)
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 12, 2024

Sunday	5/12/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	5/13/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	5/14/24	8:30 am-4pm 10:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Parent Conferences (G) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Coffee Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	5/15/24	8:30 am-4pm 9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G) AA (J)
Thursday	5/16/24	8:30 am-4pm 9:15 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due FS Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) AA (J)
Friday	5/17/24	8:30 am-4pm 9:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Parent Conferences (J) Stewardship (G) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (Reed's Office) AA (J)
Saturday	5/18/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/19/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Outreach (G) 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 are members of the Men's Breakfast Group.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Corinne Lilie in honor of her mother, Mary Ann Regan. They were arranged by Chris Haven.

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

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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.

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