

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“Gimme that old-time religion, it’s good enough for me.”

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Saturday School is off for the summer.

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

"Gimme That Old Time Religion"

Refrain: Gimme that old time religion

Gimme that old time religion

Gimme that old time religion

It's good enough for me.

It was good for the Hebrew children

It was good for the Hebrew children

It was good for the Hebrew children

It's good enough for me. Refrain

It was good for dad and mother

It was good for dad and mother

It was good for dad and mother

And it's good enough for me. Refrain

It will take us all to heaven

It will take us all to heaven

It will take us all to heaven

It's good enough for me. Refrain

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, we come here this summer morning remembering, and longing for, that old-time religion.

Many: Sometimes we just long for a little sunshine in the soul, for that mythic church in the wildwood, for that sanctuary of rest beside the still water.

One: And we remember that people of faith down the ages are as varied as we are:

Many: There were those like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist, people with vision;

One: those like Job, Thomas, and the woman at the Samaritan well, people with questions;

Many: those like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary, people with self-doubt;

One: those like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen, people with courage;

Many: those like Rebekah and Samuel, Esther and Ruth, Martha and Priscilla, Jack and Betsy and Fran and Jeanne, people with a part to play in the story of faith.

One: Let us worship together.

PRELUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. Johnston

UNISON PRAYER

Heavenly Creator, we gather today with hearts full of gratitude and reverence, to worship and praise you. We thank you for the blessings and mercies you have bestowed upon us, for your steadfast love and faithfulness through the ages.

Lord, we seek the spirit of old-time religion, a faith that is simple and true, unwavering and pure. We remember the saints who have gone before us, who walked in righteousness and stood firm in their faith. May their example inspire us to live lives of holiness and devotion.

We ask for your presence to fill this place, Lord. Let your Holy Spirit move among us, drawing us closer to you.

Grant us the strength to love our neighbors as ourselves, to hold fast to the truths of your Word, to be steadfast in prayer, and to trust in your promises.

Today we lift up our voices in songs of praise, our hearts in prayer, and our minds in reflection. May this service renew our spirits, refresh our souls, and remind us of the hope we have in Christ Jesus.

We pray this in the mighty name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Give Me Jesus

arr. Johnston

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE The 23rd Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

MEDITATION

“Gimme That Old-Time Religion – All of It!”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN

“I’ll Fly Away”

Some bright morning when this life is over

I’ll fly away

To that home on Gods celestial shore

I’ll fly away

Refrain: I’ll fly away, oh glory

I’ll fly away (in the morning)

When I die hallelujah by and by

I’ll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone

I’ll fly away

Like a bird from these prison walls I’ll fly

I’ll fly away

Refrain

Oh how glad and happy when we meet

I’ll fly away

No more cold iron shackles on my feet

I’ll fly away

Refrain

Just a few more weary days and then

I’ll fly away

To a land where joys will never end

I’ll fly away

Refrain

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

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

**God of our lives whose call comes clear
Through Jesus Christ, your presence near,
By Spirit led, your will we heed,
Your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #595 (Green)

“What a Covenant”

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING

Mary Luti, *Emerge*

One: Our worship has ended, but its gifts remain;

Many: Tuck its praise inside you. Take its goodness with you.

One: Drink from its wells of lasting peace. Live by its light, its courage and grace, and don't be afraid.

Many: Seek to serve. In plenty or want, find ways to share.

One: Discern the truth and tell it, resist all wrong and don't be afraid.

Many: Regard all people as your people.

One: In hard times and good, take care of yourself, take care of your people, and don't be afraid.

**All: And may the blessing of God, our life,
the friendship of Christ, our healer,
and the daring of the Spirit, our truth,
be ours today, and every day to come. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

Abide with Me

arr. Johnston

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

Thanks to our guest musician for the month, Geraldine Boles.

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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:*

New to the Prayer List

Mangan family (friends of Dianna Henson)

Chris Allen (grandson of Carol Allen)
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)
Tom Fuller (friend of Jane and Greg Ketchen)
Bob Gravino (friend of Greg and Jane Ketchen)
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Steve Howland
Dick Kiusalis (friend of Joanna Wallace)
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)
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)
Savanna Ramotar (friend of Sharon Hunt)
Debbie Richmond (Family School teacher)
Blake Schroeder (friend of Robin Fryer)
Joanne Stubbins
Nancy Sturgis (friend of Joanne Wallace)
Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)
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)
Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

Please notify the church office (508-362-4445) of any additions, deletions or changes you wish to make.

The Week July 14, 2024

Sunday	7/14/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	7/15/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	7/16/24	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	7/17/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	7/18/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	7/19/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J) Jeff Crocker (M)
Saturday	7/20/24		
Sunday	7/21/24	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.**
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Van and Wendy Northcross in celebration of their 40th anniversary. They were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- ◆ **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.

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.



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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.

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