

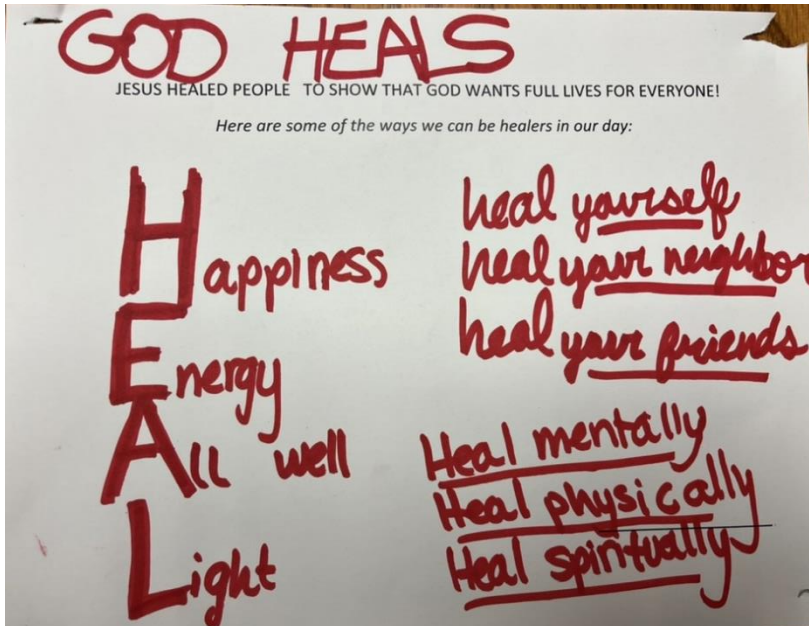
West Parish of Barnstable

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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*"I'm standing my ground, GOD, shouting for help,
at my prayers every morning, on my knees each daybreak.*

Why, GOD, do you turn a deaf ear?

Why do you make yourself scarce?"

Psalm 88:13-14

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 #401 (Green)

“Amazing Grace”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us worship God who is creating a new heaven and a new earth. Today is a new day, a fresh start, and a day of new beginnings.

All: Come, let us worship God who creates peace out of chaos, calm out of anxiety, and hope out of despair. Even when we are depressed, we trust God is with us.

One: Come, let us praise God who chooses to be among us, one of us, God dwelling among us living with mental health challenges, substance use disorders, brain disorders, and neurodiversity.

All: Come, let us praise God who says to each one of us, “no matter who we are or what medications we take or our diagnoses or where we are on life’s journey: I will be your God.”

One: Come, let us give thanks to God who promises to wipe away every tear from our eyes.

All: Come, let us give thanks to God who loves us so much that death, mourning, crying, and pain cannot stop God from loving us. This is our greatest hope: we are held in God’s love.

One: Come, let us rejoice, for God, the Alpha and Omega, is making all things new!

PRELUDE

Serenade from Suite Italienne

Igor Stravinsky (1932)

UNISON PRAYER

One: O God, come into our place of worship this day and enliven us.

All: Come into each heart, each story, each prayer, each song, each life here today so that we may live and love with purpose, courage, and beauty.

One: O God, who has created each of us in your image and made us one body, each as holy vessels of your presence to one another, create in and among us a holy place.

All: Give us hearts and minds, we pray, to be open to human vulnerability, To listen to each other with patient and thoughtful attention and support. To perceive the grace of the differences in our embodied experience, To resist what excludes and diminishes, and to dismantle what acts as barriers to flourishing together in love and justice.

One: O God, help us to trust your Spirit's work to make us whole, together in relationships of mutuality and partnership, in sacred rhythms of giving and receiving.

All: Gather us together to be your people in the world. In Jesus' name we pray, 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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 88

SPECIAL MUSIC

Vocalise

Sergei Rachmaninoff (1873-1943)

MEDITATION

"A W.I.S.E. Congregation"

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #427 (Green)

"My Life Flows On In Endless Song"

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 #444 (Green) *“Lord of All Hopefulness”*

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING

One: The One who created all that is calls us by name and invites us into a life of abundant Love.

All: We go out into the world as God’s beloved people, bringing Holy Love to all whom we meet.

One: Jesus taught us to love one another as fiercely and freely as God loves each of us, with the power that binds us together as the Body of Christ.

All: We will embody Christ by shattering stigma and welcoming all, leaving no one outside.

One: The Spirit fills us with the Breath of Life and urges us to imagine anew how to be the Church in the world today.

All: We will breathe deeply and move beyond what has been and what is. We will follow the Spirit and bring hope and healing to all who live in despair and brokenness. We will be the Church! Amen!

POSTLUDE

Minuetto from Sonata in D major

Pietro Locatelli (1695-1794)

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

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

Thanks to Gael Alcock and Jane Donnelly for their musical talents today.

Chatham native Gael Alcock teaches cello, attends the California Jazz Conservatory, and plays in classical and jazz ensembles. She has been a member of Berkeley and San Jose Symphonies, and since the early 2000's has collaborated with poets Adam David Miller and Clive Madson, performing for radio, international symposia, and city arts festivals and salons.

Jane Donnelly holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Bennington College, and a Masters in piano performance from Peabody Conservatory. Ms. Donnelly has been on the faculties of McDonough School, Friends' School, and Carver Center for the Arts. She has performed and recorded with the Canticle Singers and is Director of Music at Mays Chapel United Methodist Church.

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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:*

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)
Mangan family (friends of Dianna Henson)
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 21 2024

Sunday	7/21/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	7/22/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	7/23/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	7/24/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	7/25/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fair Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	7/26/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J) Greg Williams (M)
Saturday	7/27/24		
Sunday	7/28/24	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.** Our host today is Robin Fryer.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Rik and Sandy Clark in celebration of their 43rd 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 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.

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