

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



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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.”

Jeremiah 17:8

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 #593 (Green)

"Here I Am, Lord"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (by Katherine Hawker)

Pastor Reed Baer

One: A child once dreamed the Voice was calling his name... 'Samuel'; Fisherman once heard the Voice when a young man bid them follow; and still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

Many: Here I am. Send me.

One: Moses protested vehemently as the Voice spoke at the burning bush; Mary stood amazed as the Voice proclaimed impending birth; and still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

Many: Here I am. Send me.

One: Rosa Parks followed the Voice to the front of the bus; Martin Luther King, Jr. heard the Voice as the bullet shattered; and still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?

Many: Here I am. Send me.

One: The Voice beckons from humble places...

*in the tears of hungry children, in the cries of the frail and frightened elderly,
in the pleas of those whose dreams have been too long deferred;
and still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?*

Many: Here I am. Send me.

*One: A timid believer pauses to listen to the Voice;
a struggling church hears the Voice and turns;
and still the Voice beckons today... can you hear?*

All: Here I am. Send me.

PRELUDE

Hymne

Gordon Young/arr. Douglas Wagner

UNISON PRAYER

Here we are, Lord. Here we are, in all seasons of life, in all seasons of faith.

Here are your tender saplings in the faith, young in years, but strong in the capacity to learn and grow.

Here are your ancient oaks in the faith, those who have survived many a stormy blast, and who now might offer their shade and cover to wandering travelers.

Here are those in the full vigor of life, stretching upward, reaching higher, seeking.

And here also are those struggling to find a purchase in rocky soil.

Bless us all, we pray, that in whatever season we find ourselves, we might bear fruit for the world. 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 SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Halle Yvonne Gustafson

Daughter of Meredith and Nathan Gustafson

Sister of Brooks Gustafson

Sponsors: Colby Burbank and Brianne Kondratowicz

WELCOME

ADDRESS

VOWS OF THE PARENTS

VOWS OF THE SPONSORS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

One: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support and care.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Down to the River to Pray
Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
trad. Spiritual, and Ken Medema/arr. Mary McDonald

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 17:5-8 (The Message)

SERMON “Tumbleweed or River Willow?” Pastor Reed Baer

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #306 (Green) “*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*”

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, th 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

Life-giving God, may we, who share Christ's body, live his risen life; we, who drink Christ's cup, bring new life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #244 (Green)

"Like a Tree Beside the Waters"

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Gigue in F major

Young/Wagner

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

* All who wish, please stand.

All are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the service.

Thanks to Maggie Ribb for the music 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:*

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 August 4, 2024

Sunday	8/4/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	8/5/24	1:30 pm 5:00 pm	J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Tuesday	8/6/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	8/7/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	8/8/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Fair Crafters (J) AA (J) WB Festival Committee (G)
Friday	8/9/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	8/10/24		
Sunday	8/11/24	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 hosts for Coffee Hour today are** Sharon and Bob Wyman.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Karen Datlowe. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ◆ **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.

Church Staff

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