

# *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**

*12th Sunday after Pentecost*

August 11, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*“Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight  
and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden,  
and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.”*

Genesis 2:9

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 #7 (Green)

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: In the rustling of leaves on the tree – the sound of wind.*

**Many: In the intake of each breath – the sound of the Spirit of God.**

*One: Spirit, breath, wind of God, rustle through our lives today; touch us with your mystery.*

**Many: Bring us alive to you as we worship this day.**

PRELUDE

Voluntary on 'Roeder' (God of the Sparrow) Franklin D. Ashdown

UNISON PRAYER

**All around, O God, beauty, awe and mystery stir our imaginations. We are inspired by the incredible diversity of trees and forests.**

**We drive country lanes, we walk along wooded paths, we explore mountain forests, and are stunned by the colorful beauty of the season.**

**We draw a deep breath and are filled with the fragrance of pine, ash, cedar.**

**We reach out a hand to touch bark, and are stirred by the differing qualities and attributes of different species.**

**Your strength, O God, like the oak and the black walnut, fills us with hope.**

**With healing and cleansing power, like the pine and the eucalyptus, you renew us.**

**In the towering redwood, you raise our eyes to new horizons; in the graceful drooping of the willow, you refresh our spirits.**

**Open us to your great mystery, that we may encounter you afresh today.**

**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

**Hayes Michael Grady**

Son of Molly and Brian Grady

Sponsors: Kerri Koller Mercier and Kyle Hughes

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 he lives and grows in Christ?*

**All: We promise our love, support and care.**

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

Celtic Laud

Craig Courtney

## THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

MY TREES

first memories

Pastor Reed Baer

POETRY

“I go among trees and sit still...”

Wendell Berry, 1979

*From A Timbered Choir – The Sabbath Poems 1979-1997*

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:1-9, 15

SERMON

“Consider the Trees”

Pastor Reed

## THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

HYMN #54 (Green)      “For the Beauty of the Earth” vs. 1, 4, 5

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

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!**

**Praise God all creatures here below,**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host,**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN #529 (Green)      “Let All Things Now Living”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE      Recessional on "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Donald Hustad

*(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:

### New to the Prayer List

**Ron Hunt** (friend of Roger 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)  
**Mangan family** (friends of Dianna Henson)  
**Norma McElhenny** (friend of Jane Ketchen)  
**Greg Miller**  
**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 11, 2024**

<b>Sunday</b>	8/11/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	8/12/24	1:30 pm 5:00 pm	J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8/13/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8/14/24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Board (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	8/15/24	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	8/16/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	8/17/24	9 am – 3 pm	Family School Yard Sale
<b>Sunday</b>	8/18/24	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 Roy Thomas in memory of Jeanette Thomas. 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**

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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**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
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