

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

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*Dance through life like a graceful acrobat on a high wire.
When you're feeling down, put on a clown nose and turn your frown upside down.
Don't be afraid to take a leap of **faith**, like a trapeze artist soaring through the air.*

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

Rev. Bob Naylor

*HYMN #29 (Green)

“Rejoice, O Pure in Heart”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One - Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Children of All Ages... Welcome to the Circus!

ALL - We come seeking the joy that the Creator of the circus of life, our God, offers those who fully live faithfully.

One - Come and learn from the clowns.....

ALL - how we can be fools for Christ.

One - Come and learn to walk on the high wire.....

ALL - so we can learn to risk being righteous and doing justice and walking humbly with our God.

One - Ladies and Gentlemen, Boys and Girls, Children of All Ages... Welcome to the Circus

ALL - where we can feel a sense of true community as we experience the winds of the Holy Spirit moving among us!

PRELUDE

Grace Flows Down

UNISON PRAYER

Creator God, we gather here seeking some good news in the midst of what seems continual disconcerting news in our world. We come seeking the joy of companionship with other Christ followers. We come seeking laughter amid the sobriety of too many in the world. We come hoping to be injected with an ample dose of Christlike courage so we can be righteous in all that we say and do. Help us to be attentive as we learn to follow the Gospel teachings from the One who juggled the roles of being a proclaimer of joy, a healer of the diseased, a buffoon of divine wisdom, a compassionate friend to the outcast, and a tomb breaking Savior for us all. 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.

SOLO

Changed

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 9:18-34, I Corinthians 1:18:27

*HYMN (insert)

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

SERMON

"Meeting Jesus at the Circus"

Rev. Bob Naylor

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #364 (Green)

"This Little Light of Mine" vs. 1 & 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER

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 MUSIC

You Are My All

*SONG OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN (Insert) *"Glory, Glory, Hallelujah Since I Laid My Burdens Down"*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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

* All who wish, please stand.

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

Thank you to our guest musician, John Williams.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-

last-ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last-ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last-ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms. Lean-ing, Lean-ing on Je-sus,
 Lean-ing on Je-sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean-ing on
 Je-sus, lean-ing on Je-sus, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Exod. 15:20; Gen. 28:12; Ps. 81:6

African-American spiritual

1 Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah, since I
 2 I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, since I
 3 Feel like shout - ing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" since I
 4 I am danc - ing Mir - iam's dance now, since I
 5 I am climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, since I
 6 Ev - ery round goes higher and high - er, since I

laid my bur - dens down. Glo - ry, glo - ry hal - le -
 laid my bur - dens down. I feel bet - ter, so much
 laid my bur - dens down. Feel like shout - ing "Hal - le -
 laid my bur - dens down. I am danc - ing Mir - iam's
 laid my bur - dens down. I am climb - ing Ja - cob's
 laid my bur - dens down. Ev - ery round goes higher and

lu - jah, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 bet - ter, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 lu - jah!" since I laid my bur - dens down.
 dance now, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 lad - der, since I laid my bur - dens down.
 high - er, since I laid my bur - dens down.

Despite their physical captivity, the enslaved of antebellum America often found an inward freedom through their faith in Jesus the liberator. This liberation, which permitted them to sing

Tune: GLORY, GLORY 8.7.8.7.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

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 (stepbrother 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 18, 2024

Sunday	8/18/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	8/19/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	8/20/24	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	8/21/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	8/22/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fair Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	8/23/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	8/24/24	4:00 pm	Steve Gregory Recital (J)
Sunday	8/25/24	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 today are Jane and Carl Heick.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Bobbie Jordan in celebration of her children and grandchildren. 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

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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