

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

September 1, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear.” – Ambrose Redmoon

“If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality.” – Archbishop Desmond Tutu

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Saturday Church School begins September 7, 2024 at our 4:30 pm service.

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

*HYMN # 477 (Green) *“God of Grace and God of Glory”*

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Bob Naylor

One: Spirit of compassion ...

All: Come and enter our hearts!

One: Spirit of grace ...

All: Come and fill us with unwavering forgiveness!

One: Spirit of righteousness ...

All: Come and fill us with the courage that stands up against evil!

One: Spirit of Christ ...

All: Come and in all our labors empower us to live out boldly the Good News of Easter hope!

One: In our worship ...

All: Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of our days!

PRELUDE

UNISON PRAYER

O God, in our world which seems to be filled with a spirit of a love for “loveless” power help us to stay the course and be witnesses to the power of Christ’s sacrificial love. In our world that often seems to have lost its moral center, where goodness and kindness seem to be in short supply, do not allow us to waver in our ministry of showing the loving kindness of Christ in all times and places. Now, Creator of it all, we know it won’t always be easy laboring in Your vineyard, so in trying times stay near to us and refresh us with the gentle breeze of your Spirit. In the name of the One who shows us the way to be builders of Your realm on earth. 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

SOLO

“Ac-cent-thu-ate the Positive”

Johnny Mercer & Harold Arlen

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23, Acts 4:5-12

MESSAGE

“On the Treadmill of Life ... Don't Back Down!”

Rev. Naylor

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

HYMN #403 (insert)

“*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*”

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

HYMN #470 (Green) *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* vs. 1, 2

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 # 532 (insert) *“Come Labor On”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Those arriving late may be seated during hymns and musical responses.

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

Thank you to Kim Alicizi for being our guest musician today.

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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)
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
Ron Hunt (Friend of Roger Henson)
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)
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 September 1, 2024

Sunday	9/1/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/2/24	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Tuesday	9/3/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	9/4/24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	9/5/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fair Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	9/6/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	9/7/24	4:00 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/8/24	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 Shirley and Bob Stolte.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Mary and Jim McCormick. They were arranged Chris Haven.
- ◆ **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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If you would like your donation to go toward something specific like "Deacons", just note that in the description.

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