

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 22, 2024

10:00 am

“Chiasmus (/kaiˈæzməs/ ky-AZ-məs) or, less commonly, chiasm (Latin term from Greek χιάσμα, "crossing", from the Greek χιάζω, chiázō, "to shape like the letter X"), is a "reversal of grammatical structures in successive phrases or clauses – but no repetition of words”
(Wikipedia)

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Church School is offered for the children at our 4:30 Saturday contemporary 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

Pastor Anne Weirich

*HYMN # 51 (Green) All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing
verses 1, 4 & 5

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is why we worship:

All: To remember all that God did in and through Jesus.

*One: His words, his touch, his laughter, his silence,
his pain, his loneliness, his death, his resurrection teach us The Way.*

**All: We offer ourselves in trust and hope,
in service and sacrifice,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, to sow life;
Christ has risen, to sow grace;
Christ returns, to sow justice for all.**

One: Let us worship God!

PRELUDE

UNISON PRAYER

**God of love, pour out your Spirit upon those of us who gather in this place.
May we have moments when we are overwhelmed with the gifts you offer us.
As we bring our famished souls and weary spirits and broken hearts to you,
may we find relief. As we experience joy and acceptance and share good news
with one another, may we find our home. Strengthen us with the light of your
wisdom, so we become capable people who will go forth to offer hope and
grace to all who cross our paths. May we live fully into the prayer that your
son still teaches us...**

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

“King David”

Herbert Howells

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 31:10-31, Mark 9: 30- 37

MESSAGE

“Relevancy”

Pastor Anne

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN # 237 (Green)

How Firm a Foundation

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 Holy Spirit evermore

Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

On this day, God who is for all people, rather than boast of all that we have and are, may we humble ourselves. As we offer our lives, our hearts, and our gifts, help us to put others first, that all might discover the wonders of your kingdom of grace and hope. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN # 515 (Green)

This is My Song

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 Lucy Banner for being our guest musician this week.

Thank you to Rev. Anne Weirich for leading us in worship today.

Rev. Anne Weirich is an Honorably Retired Pastor in the PCUSA, living in Brewster. She has a BA in Anthropology from Illinois State University, MDiv. and certificate in Youth Ministry from Princeton Theological Seminary and a Certificate in Pastoral Counseling from Western Seminary in Holland, MI. She is a native of Illinois and spent many years working in the business world in the Chicagoland area and Los Angeles. She has served churches in MA, MI, CA and OH. Her focus has been on pastoral care, mission and issues of homelessness, poverty, LGBTQ inclusion and embrace, addiction and civil discourse and the ecumenical, interfaith and civic interconnections that build community and understanding.

Anne loves to explore. Her love for God's mission in the world has taken her all over the States and into world with the church. Anne's real love is Palestine and Israel. Since 2008 she has traveled there 18 times, advocating for justice, and opening the way of discovery for others.

The first words in Anne's statement of faith are: "I believe that God is love." "I love the way God smiles at me," she claims. "And what keeps ministry and faith alive for me is being there when others finally experience that smile, too."

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

Deidre Hunt (daughter-in-law of Sharon and John Hunt)

Joan Eubele (friend of Carol Allen)

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)

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)

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 22, 2024

Sunday	9/22/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/23/24	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/24/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Solar Task Force (G) AA (J)
Wednesday	9/25/24	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	9/19/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fair Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	9/20/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	9/21/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/22/24	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 Mike & Sandy Howard.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Peggie Bretz. 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.

Church Staff

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