

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

19th Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“The glory of youths is their strength, but the beauty of the aged is their gray hair.”

Proverbs 20:29

“Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life.”

Proverbs 16:31

All are invited to stay for the full service today.

Saturday School is offered for our children and youth at our 4:30 Saturday 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 Reed Baer

* HYMN #1 (Red) *“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”* v. 1-4

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, we gather as fellow travelers, awake to possibility, but worn by life’s demands.

Many: We come broken, yet remain ever hopeful.

One: We come weary, yet remain expectant.

**Many: At home in God, enfolded by the love of the One who was our help in
ages past, we come to be encouraged and renewed by the One who is our
hope for years to come.**

One: Let us worship together the God of all our ages.

PRELUDE

UNISON PRAYER

**We gather here this morning, O God, sitting together on these pews with
your children – your children of tender years, your children of the busy years
of midlife, your children of advancing years.**

**We gather as well with your children who have gone on before us – the
memories of grandparents and parents live on in us, enriching our lives.**

**Speak to us as we gather here, we pray, that we might appreciate more
deeply the gift that is life in all its ages, and indeed beyond age itself.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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

SCRIPTURE Zechariah 8:4-5

SPECIAL MUSIC “Give Me Jesus” arranged by Mark Hayes
Ella Avitabile, student soloist on Sunday

SERMON “The Virtues of Aging” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #327 (Green) “I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry”

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

SOLO “Lord of the Small” Dan Forest

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

**God of our lives whose call comes clear
Through Jesus Christ, your presence near,
By Spirit led, your will we heed,
Your grace to show in word and deed. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #333 (Green) “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

(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 Kim Aliczi for the music today.

Thanks also to Ella Avitabile. She lives in West Barnstable and is an 8th grader at Sandwich High School.

She has been a private vocal student of John Murelle for the past 3 years, and has sung at various studio recitals, both classical & popular music. Currently, Ella is prepping the role of the Witch for a performance of "Into The Woods" with Dramafun.

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

Ginny Dolan (friend of the Haven Family)
Ron and Judy Hunt (friends of Roger and Dianna 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)
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Joan Eubele (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
Deidre Hunt (daughter-in-law of Sharon and John Hunt)
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 29, 2024

Sunday	9/29/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/30/24	10:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) Council (G) AA (J)
Tuesday	10/1/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana AA (J)
Wednesday	10/2/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	10/3/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fair Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	10/4/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	10/5/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/6/24	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 the Rooster Crows Fair Crafters.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Kenyon Gregoire.
- ◆ **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.

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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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