

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

World-wide Communion Sunday

October 6, 2024

10:00 a.m.

“If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.”

Mark 9:43

All are invited to stay for the full service today.

Church School is offered for the children at our 4:30 Saturday contemporary service.

Here is a partial list of the local, national and global mission partners *your* giving supports each year:

Amplify POC Cape Cod

Champ Homes

The United Church of Christ

The Barnstable Association of the UCC

Cape Cod Addiction Prevention

DART (animal protection on-Cape)

Cape Cod Council of Churches

(including Covenant to Care and A Baby Center)

Independence House

Habitat for Humanity

CapeAbilities

A Baby Center

Luke’s Love Playground

Meetinghouse Farm

Dress a Doll

Whelden Library

The Neighbors Fund

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 #366 (Red) “God of Grace and God of Glory” vs. 1-3,5

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

One: Friends, this is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

Many: It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives, to offer us the mystery of holy love.

One: This is the place where prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness.

Many: This is the place where we are trained, equipped and empowered to take God’s love for the world and all its peoples with us when we go.

One: This is no ordinary gathering.

Many: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.

PRELUDE

"May the Words of My Mouth"

Elliot Z. Levine

UNISON PRAYER

Grant us wisdom, and grant us courage, O God, for the facing of this hour, and for the living of these days.

For while we know that life is not always a bed of roses, at times we feel like we have been consigned to the ash heap of the world. We believe it when we are told that we cannot sing; we buy into the criticism that we will never amount to anything; we undervalue ourselves and our talents; instead of risking it, we pull back.

Grant us the wisdom to hear your word for us, a word not only of judgement, but of forgiveness; a word not of condemnation, but of hope; a word spoken by the One who came that we might have life, life eternal, life in abundance.

And grant us the courage to act upon that wisdom, that we might more fully be your beloved partners in the redemption of all the world.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:38-50

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

Natalia Albino Frois, Director,
Covenant to Care for Foster Families, Cape Cod Council of Churches

SOLO

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
John Murelle

David M. Cherwien

MESSAGE

“Go to Hell”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #474 (Green)

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

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

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.

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, 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

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

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure – that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #325 (Green) *“Now Let Us From This Table Rise”*

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

One: Beloved, be the living expression of God's kindness:

Kindness in your face,

Kindness in your eyes,

Kindness in your smile,

Kindness in your warm greeting.

Many: In the slums, we are the light of God's kindness to the poor.

One: To the children, to the poor, to all who suffer and are lonely, give always a happy smile.

Many: Let us give them not only our care, but also our heart.

One: Go now in the assurance of God's love and power!

Many: Amen!

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.

Special thanks to our guest musician for the day, Anne Perrault.

Our new music director, Paula King, begins with us tomorrow!

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)
Ginny Dolan (friend of the Haven Family)
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 and Judy Hunt (friends of Roger and Dianna 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 October 6, 2024

Sunday	10/6/24	10:00 am	Worship
		11:30 am	Deacons (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Monday	10/7/24	10:15 am	FS Classes (J)
		11:00 am	Barbara Walsh Graveside service
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	10/8/24	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	10/9/24	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		4:00 pm	FS Board (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	WITS at Pastor Christie's
Thursday	10/10/24	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back
		10:00 am	Fair Crafters (J)
		4:00 pm	Fair Committee (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	10/11/24	10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	10/12/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/13/24	10:00 am	Worship
		5:00 pm	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 Wymans.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Donna Grohe for all October blessings. 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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