

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

Last Sunday after Epiphany

March 2, 2025

10:00 a.m.

“Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.”

Luke 9:28-29

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 #119 (Red)

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We have come to worship amongst all creation.

Many: It is good that we are here.

One: We have come to worship here, in the United States of America.

Many: It is good that we are here.

One: We have come to worship here, in this village of West Barnstable.

Many: It is good that we are here.

One: We have come to worship here, in this house of prayer.

Many: It is good that we are here.

One: And God calls to us, a voice in the cloud,

Many: Jesus is my Beloved; listen to him!

It is good that we are here to listen together for the Word of God.

PRELUDE

“Adore and Be Still”

C. Gounod, arr. L. Smith

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: We climb mountains seeking you, God, but not knowing quite what we are looking for.

Men: Your presence appears as a voice from the clouds, bright as dazzling light, as incomprehensible mystery, the extraordinary breaking through into the ordinary, and we are touched by the holy.

Women: In these high places, in the thin places, we see, we hear, we know you, God – closer, deeper, beyond imagining, beyond expressing.

All: Take us to the thin places.

Lead us to moments of epiphany, revelation.

Guide us to thin places, where holiness touches ordinariness, and where we long to see you face to face.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Luke 9:28-36

ANTHEM

“Freedom is Coming”

African spiritual

SERMON

“Thin Places and Thick Lives”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

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 (sing responsively)

#270 (Green)

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

“Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern”
(How lovely shines the Morning Star)

J.C. Bach

*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.)

*COMMUNION HYMN *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*
#316 (Green)

A RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION

*One: I believe that bread comes from grain
that grows in the wind
and the rain
with the farmers' help
far from the eyes of city folk.*

**Many: I believe that bread comes from love
the love of God
the love of the farmer
the love of the baker's hands
the love of those who bring it to me.**

*One: I believe that bread can be
and should be broken
and shared
and given to all persons
until all have enough
and then some.*

**Many: I believe that Jesus loved bread
and took it
and broke it
and blessed it
and fed his disciples
and asked them to feed us forever.**

*One: I believe enough in bread
to want it from Jesus*

*to want it to nurture me
to want his life through it
to want to give life through it.*

**Many: I believe that his body as bread feeds me
and as part of his body
I want to be bread for others.
I believe the Spirit will help me
as well Jesus' people. Amen.**

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 #463 (Green) *“Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE *“The Golden Trumpet”* Lani Smith
(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.

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:*

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Bunny and Bart Chase (friends of Rik Clark)
Doug Clay (brother of Sharon Hunt)
Matt Cox (the son of Carol Allen's friend)
Ginny Dolan (friend of the Haven Family)
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Susan Emery (Jane Ketchen's sister)
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)
David Kuehn (friend of Robin Miller and Kim Baker)
Gary Komosky (Chris Haven's brother)
Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)
Meredith Leonard (Debbie Barrette's mother)
Cheryl Lickteig (friend of Jeanne Douglass)
Adrienne Locklear (family of Kelly and Macayla Washburn)

Sue Maki (friend of Joanna Wallace)
Norma McElhenny (friend of Jane Ketchen)
Greg Miller
Judy Moakler (friend of Jane Ketchen)
Mike Morris (Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer's daughter-in-law's father)
Brian Murphy
Peggy Nelson
Diane Ollerhead (friend of Robin Fryer)
Paul (friend of Ellen and Tom Davis)
Carol Polidoro
Savanna Ramotar (friend of Sharon Hunt)
Cyndi Rausch (Allison McNaughton's sister)
Blake Schroeder (friend of Robin Fryer)
Joanne Stubbins
Nancy Sturgis (friend of Joanne Wallace)
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)
Gina Yacinto (friend of Joanna Wallace)
Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

Please notify the church office (508-362-4445) of any additions, deletions or changes you wish to make.

The Week March 2, 2025

Sunday	3/2/25	10:00 am	Worship
		2:00 pm	Score Music Recital (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Monday	3/3/25	10:15 am	FS Classes (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	3/4/25	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana
		11:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (M)
		4:30 pm	Bell Choir (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	3/5/25	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		4:00 pm	FS Faculty (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	3/6/25	:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	3/7/25	10:00 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (M)
Saturday	3/8/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/9/25	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 Coffee Hour over in Jenkins Hall** our host today is Ted Gould.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Rosalie Jones in memory of Dorothy Cahoon. They were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ◆ **The 2025 Flower Calendar is up** on the kiosk. Please sign up for sponsoring the flowers along with a dedication. The cost is \$32 and can be paid by cash, check, or Venmo with "Flowers" in the memo. One of the members of the flower committee will contact you to about the arrangement.
- ◆ **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.

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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