

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



March Madness Painting

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

10:00 a.m.

“Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.”

Mother Teresa

“Your greatest pleasure is that which rebounds from hearts that you have made glad.”

Henry Ward Beecher

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 Robert Naylor

*HYMN #18 (Green)

"Praise to the Living God"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather to remember what our God requires of us...

Many: if we are to live a faithful and righteous life!

One: We come to experience to.....

**Many: the spiritual warmth of being together in a covenant community of
friends in Christ!**

One: We come to be strengthened so that we might...

**Many: be merciful, seek justice, and live and walk with humility so that we will
be blessed and be a blessing to all who are touched by our lives.**

PRELUDE

"The Waterfall"

Irish tune

"Ye Banks and Braes of Bonnie Doon"

Scottish tune

UNISON PRAYER

**O God, who out of nothing brought everything that is, through our worship
bring out more of what you call me to be; by creating renewed life where there
is death; by putting the flesh of action on my bare-boned intentions; by
lighting a flame in me against my midnight of indifference; by throwing
bridges of care across chasms of loneliness and division; by speaking gentle
words of grace and empathy amid the bellicose, strident words of hollow-
souled others in our country, so that more of what I dream becomes a reality
and so I can look on creation, together with you, and call it very good; through
Jesus Christ my Lord.**

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.

ANTHEM

"A Gaelic Prayer"

D. Lowry

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

SOLO

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. A. Parker

MESSAGE

"More Than a Ram and Pigeon –
Abraham and Sarah's March Madness"

Pastor Naylor

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #595 (Green) "*What a Covenant – Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*"

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

"Lamb of God, Pure and Holy"

J. Pachelbel

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord.
The life laid down, the life restored;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

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

Jim Sweeney (Randy Parker's brother-in law)

Jason Miller (son of Jim & Robin Miller)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)

Reed Baer

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)

Gina Jacinto (friend of Joanna Wallace)

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)

Mary McCormick

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)

Sandie Siedsma

Blake Schroeder (friend of Robin Fryer)

Joanne Stubbins

Nancy Sturgis (friend of Joanne Wallace)

Gary Toye (brother of Bobbie Jordan)

Mary-Ann Tu

Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlowe)

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 March 16, 2025

Sunday	3/16/25	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	3/17/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	3/18/25	9:15 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:45 pm	FS Science (J) Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir (M) AA (J) Finance (G)
Wednesday	3/19/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	3/20/25	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
Friday	3/21/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (M)
Saturday	3/22/25	10:00 am 4:30 pm	C & I AGO Workshop (M & J) Worship
Sunday	3/23/25	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 our fun-raiser in Jenkins Hall** with a St. Partick's Day boxed lunch (corned beef, carrots, potatoes & soda bread). Stay and share a good time with others or take it home to enjoy.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Bob & Gretchen Naylor. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **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



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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

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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