

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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“For you, O Lord, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
From my birth I have leaned upon you,
my protector since my mother’s womb.
My praise is continually of you .”*

Psalm 71:5-6

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 #395 (Green) “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

One: This is the gathering place of God and all God's people. Give thanks to God for God is good.

Many: God's steadfast love endures for all time.

One: Come all who need justice.

Many: God weaves in us the path of life.

One: Come all who need comfort.

Many: God weaves in us a sure hope.

One: Come all who need peace,

Many: God weaves in us the way of truth.

One: Come all who need healing,

Many: God weaves in us the promise of wholeness.

One: Come all who need community,

Many: God weaves in us the love of Christ.

One: Give thanks to God for God is good.

Many: God's steadfast love endures for all time.

PRELUDE

“Ave Maria”

C. Gounod

Yoko Furihata-Waynen, violin; Paula King, piano

UNISON PRAYER

May this be a place to celebrate your presence, O God.

May we tell stories

**of you finding us when we are at our lowest,
of you reaching us when we feel excluded,
of you holding us when everyone else has let go,**

of you bringing us in when we feel apart,
of you touching us when we feel broken,
of you calling us when we feel unworthy.

May this be a place to celebrate your presence,
and show the world your steadfast love for all.

We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus our friend and brother,
who taught us to pray . . .

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

A WORD ABOUT OUR SERVICE

CHOOSING LIFE – LIVING WITH CANCER Betsy Sinnigen

SOLO “Shepherd Me , O God” M. Haugen
John Murelle, soloist

SEARCHING FOR THE MOMENTS OF JOY Susan Moeller

SOLO “Obsession” from Sonata No 2 E. Ysaÿe
Kai Waynen, violin

SCRIPTURE Psalm 71:5-6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

SERMON “The Life Abundant, Even Amid Life’s Challenges” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #400 (Green) “There is A Balm In Gilead”

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

“My Song is Love Unknown”

arr. R. Arnatt

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* HYMN #427 (Green) *“My Life Flows On In Endless Song”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Largo ma non tanto,” 2nd mvmt.

Concerto for Two Violins in D minor, BWV 1043

J.S. Bach

Yoko Furihata-Waynen and Kai Waynen, violin, Paula King, organ

(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:

New to the Prayer List **Sally Haven** (Brad Haven's mother)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Reed Baer
Bunny and Bart Chase (friends of Rik Clark)
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)
Norma McElhenny (friend of Jane Ketchen)

Greg Miller
Jason Miller (son of Jim & Robin 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
Joanne Stubbins
Nancy Sturgis (friend of Joanne Wallace)
Jim Sweeney (Randy Parker's brother-in-law)
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 30, 2025

Sunday	3/30/25	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	3/31/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	4/1/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	4/2/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	4/3/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/4/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (M)
Saturday	4/5/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/6/25	10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Worship Getting to Know West Parish (G) AA (J)

Key: FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom

- ♦ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our host today is Robin Fryer.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Kim & James Palmer in honor of Kim's mother, Sandy, on her 80th birthday. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ♦ **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.



Easter Flowers

Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?
Please fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to the church office
with \$12 per plant by April 14, 2025.

Given by _____
(please circle one) in memory / honor / celebration of:

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship service.

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

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
Paula King, Music Director
Susan Moeller, Council Chair
Alycia Williams, Family School Director

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor
Susan McEwen, Office Administrator
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