

# *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**

*Easter Sunday*

April 20, 2025

10:00 a.m.

## 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*

INTROIT

*“Sing and Rejoice”*  
CHOIR/BELLS

W. Bradbury, arr. P. King

## GOD GATHERS US

WELCOME AND EASTER GREETINGS

Pastor Christie Burns

EASTER, ACCORDING TO PETER

Acts 10:34-43 (N.I.V.)

\* HYMN #182 (Red)

*“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*  
vs. 1-4

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Christie Burns

*One: Easter begins while it is still dark; Easter begins in despair. Our life, our hope, our love,  
forever dead, shut tight in a dank tomb by a crushing stone.*

**Many: Who will roll away the stone?**

*One: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning, as we are going about the most  
mundane of tasks.*

**Many: We find the stone has been rolled away, and we are alarmed – what  
does this mean for us?**

*One: God is acting in our midst, to bring new life, to set us free from all that imprisons us – let  
us rejoice and be glad in it!*

**Many: For Christ the Lord is risen today!**

BELL CHOIR

*“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection. We  
expect to find you among the tombs and the grave clothes of the world, but you  
are alive. Sin cannot bind you; death cannot hold you. Just as we have been**

weeping and mourning that you have been taken from us, you meet us in the garden of new life and send us running to share the good news.

You are risen indeed, O Lord, and so we can believe that through grief there will come joy. 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.

SOLO

"The Trumpet Shall Sound"

G.F. Handel

#### ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Kimberly Marion Augusta  
Robert Michael Downey, Jr.  
Susan Crosby Downey  
John Linhares  
Eleanor Noel Lynch  
Anne Tabor  
Alycia Williams

#### INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

##### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you affirm your faith in God as your creator, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and light, and in the Holy Spirit as your strength and guide?*

**All: I do.**

#### QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

##### OWNING THE COVENANT

*Pastor: Hear now the Covenant as it is affirmed and practiced in West Parish of Barnstable.*

**All: We solemnly and faithfully covenant together with God and one another to walk in all God's ways, honoring the past and embracing the future.**

**As a part of this covenant we vow to:**

**- love all in word and deed as Jesus teaches;**

- openly welcome and affirm all persons;
- respect those with whom we differ and work toward reconciliation;
- work for peace and social and economic justice;
- participate in a Spirit-led outreach with the community and the world beyond;
- respond in our service, worship, and organization to the challenges of these times, as God guides us;
- engage with the wider Christian community and other faith traditions;
- respect and preserve God's earth.

**This we so covenant, relying on the grace of God, the guidance of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Pastor: Do you promise, covenant and agree?*

Response of those joining: I do.

#### WELCOME AND RECEPTION

*Pastor: Let us, the members of West Parish of Barnstable, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.*

**All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in Christ's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord.**

#### GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND COVENANT SIGNING

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

EASTER, ACCORDING TO JOHN      John 20:1-18

CHOIR ANTHEM      "Christ Jesus is Arisen"      M. Burkhardt

MESSAGE      "Weep No More"      Pastor Christie

#### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN # 206 (Green)      "I Danced in the Morning" vs. 1, 3, 5

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

### CALL TO PRAYER

*One: God be with you.*

**Many: And also with you.**

*One: Let us pray.*

### A RESPONSIVE PASTORAL PRAYER

*One: God of new life, you are with us in this sacred space, in this sacred moment; as you are with all people in all times and places. God of liberty, hear our joyful cries of alleluia, for we need no longer look for you in death, the tomb is empty. We need no longer seek you in an empty tomb, you are alive. We witness you in life, abundant and beautiful life. Alleluia! And so this we pray, this we vow: Other may counsel resignation and despair,*

**Many: but we will be bringers of good news.**

*One: Others might sow discord and hatred,*

**Many: but we will be beacons of love.**

*One: Others might go through life bereft of joy,*

**Many: but we will be bearers of delight.**

*One: Relationships are often empty of peace, friendships might be torn apart by partisan wrangling,*

**Many: but we will demonstrate the ways of reconciliation.**

*One: Some might fill their emptiness with life-destroying behaviors,*

**Many: but we will provide evidence that there are alternative paths to fulfillment.**

*One: Others might turn their back on those who have empty stomachs and thirsty mouths,*

**Many: but we will find ways of providing nourishment.**

*One: Some people may be fearful of the future,*

**All: but we will hold before them the promise of peace. May we reflect the compassion of Jesus. All so your abundant love can flow through all the world. Amen.**

### OFFERING INVITATION

*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 last page.*

### OFFERTORY

Trumpet Prelude (from Te Deum)

M. Charpentier, arr. M. Rondeau

\*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.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### **GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN (insert)

**“Lift High the Cross”**  
stanzas 1, 3 & 4

RESPONSIVE COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

*One: We believe beyond all death, there is the eternity of life,*

**Many: and we SHALL live it!**

*One: Beyond darkness, there is a gathering of the light,*

**Many: and we shall SEE it!**

*One: Beyond the cross, there is the dance called resurrection,*

**Many: And we shall DANCE it!**

*One: Because the tomb is empty your life can be full,*

*so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God.*

*Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, and faithful in deed.*

*Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.*

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!*

**Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Choir and Bells Response

**“Alleluia, Amen”**

POSTLUDE

**“Hallelujah Chorus”**

(Organ and Brass)

\* All who wish, please stand.

**The children are invited to join for an Easter Egg hunt following the service.**

**Please let them get out first or risk being trampled in the excitement!**

## ***Our New Members***

### **Kimberly Marion Augusta**

Kim is the baby of 8 children and was born and raised in Boston. Her dad had a real estate office in West Roxbury and a couple of years after he passed away she got her real estate license then spent about 20+ years selling real estate in and around Boston. She moved to Sandwich 5 years ago and loves living here and loves walking her dogs on the beach every day, the beach is her favorite place on earth.

### **Robert Michael Downey, Jr.**

#### **Susan Crosby Downey**

Robert is a soon to be retired contractor and Susan is a retired RN and teacher. They have lived on the Cape for over 30 years with a recent move to West Barnstable.

They both enjoy hiking, golfing, and boating. Individually, Robert enjoys exploring historical events and Susan enjoys painting.

They look forward to becoming involved with the church and continuing to meet more of its' friendly parishioners! Thank you to all that have been so welcoming.

### **John Linhares**

John, originally from Attleboro and retired from the State of Massachusetts, joins our church with his wife Annie. He works part-time at Falmouth Toyota where he often sees many of their Cape friends. He joins West Parish seeking a deeper connection to spirit and a welcoming community of like-minded people.

### **Eleanor Noel Lynch**

Eleanor Lynch is 17 years old and goes to school at Upper Cape Tech for automotive collision refinishing. She works at a shop in Sandwich and is going to a Skills USA competition next month to compete in the auto painting category.

She used to go to church in Boston until they moved here 5 years ago.

### **Annie Taber**

Annie has lived in Mashpee for 15 years (with a short time out when she and John lived in Florida to care for her father in Key West). Realizing that this was too far from their Cape community and granddaughter, they returned in 2022. Annie works part-time for a software company in Boston and runs her professional organizing business, All's in Order. She joins our church with a warm spirit and a heartfelt desire to build meaningful connections and foster community through faith and fellowship.

### **Alycia Williams**

Alycia is the Family School Director here at West Parish. She loves the beach, swimming, gardening, and cooking. She attends Endicott College in Beverly MA for her Masters in Applied Behavioral Science. Fun fact, she loves to plan parties and loves attending parties just as much, as long as the party has good music to dance to!

## *Easter Flowers*

Thank you to those who have sponsored the flowers gracing the Meetinghouse this morning:

Steve & Mindy Abbott	in memory of Howard and Lois Abbott in memory of Frederick and Martha Strauss
Rich & Lauren Abraham	in memory of Janice Abdelnour
Kim Augusta	Bob & Eleanor Augusta Jimmy Augusta & Jason Meehan Cheryl Murphy
Sandy & Rik Clark	in memory of our parents
Lisa & Paul Fackler	in celebration of Henry Fackler Chan and Chloe Fackler Chan
Tripp Grohe	in memory of Arthur Grohe, Jr.
Gail & Bill Fioretti	in memory of Karen Scott
Jody Hines	in memory of Justine W. Perry & Kenneth A. Hines
Bobbie Jordan	in honor of grandchildren everywhere
Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer	in memory of our parents & grandparents
Allison McNaughton	in celebration of my family
Heiti & William Manning, MD	in celebration of our children and grandchildren
Jaqueline B. Martin	in honor of Pastor Reed Baer in honor of Don Martin
Laura Murphy	in celebration of my amazing friends
Kim & Jared Palmer	in memory of Ray & Shirley Palmer and Ruth Northrup
Nancy Russo	in memory of Susan Oikelmus
Peter & Betsy Smith	in memory of our families in celebration of our children and grandchildren
Marianne & Greg Williams	in memory of Max, Carmella, and Doug Stasiowski in memory of Howard, Constance, and Ken Williams in memory of Florence Stasiowski and Sharon Goguen
Sharon & Bob Wyman	in memory of Sunny & Wesley Merritt and Evelyn & Edward Wyman



## 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

**Lauren** (friend of Christie Burns)

**Emy and Yessica** (friend of Christie Burns)

**Ben Walcott** (Sandy Clark's family member)

**Karolina Atsalis** (friend of the Abrahams)

**Reed Baer**

**Bill and Dottie Brower**

**Bunny and Bart Chase** (friends of Rik Clark)

**Ginny Dolan** (friend of the Haven Family)

**Betsy Eidem** (friend of Carol Allen)

**Susan Emery** (Jane Ketchen's sister)

**Ned Flynn** (Ted's father)

**Jay Griffin** (Peggie Bretz' brother)

**Sharon Griffin** (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)

**Keith Heard** (friend of the Naylor's)

**Sally Haven** (Brad Haven's mother)

**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)

**Greg Miller**

**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**

**John Pullen** (friend of Dan Enos)

**Savanna Ramotar** (friend of Sharon Hunt)

**Cyndi Rausch** (Allison McNaughton's sister)

**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 April 20, 2025

<b>Sunday</b>	4/20/25	10:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm	Worship Easter Egg Hunt AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	4/21/25	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/22/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	4/23/25	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	4/24/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	4/25/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Stewardship (G) Knitting Group (J) AA (M)
<b>Saturday</b>	4/26/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	4/27/25	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 Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our hosts today are members of the Board of Deacons.
- ♦ **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.

**A special thank you to Steven Edwards (Trumpet), Mark Carmichael (Trombone), Katherine King (Soprano), and Catriona Morris (Mezzo-Soprano) for sharing their talents with us this Easter morning.**

**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  
Roberta Jordan, Deacons Chair  
Chris Haven, Sexton

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