

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

April 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*"How much we need, in the church and in society, witnesses of the beauty of holiness,
witnesses of the splendour of truth, witnesses of the joy and freedom
born of a living relationship with Christ!"* Pope Benedict XVI

*"Our scars are a witness to the world. They are apart of our story.
Healed wounds that are symbols that God has restored us."* Louie Giglio

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 Andrew Burr

*HYMN # 204

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Alleluia! Celebrate God in this sacred space!

Celebrate God in all places under heaven!

Give praise for God’s mighty deeds!

Give praise for God’s resurrecting power!

Praise God with a fanfare of trumpets.

Praise God with the harp and the cello!

Praise God with tambourines and dancing!

Praise God with flutes and guitars!

Praise God with cymbals and drums!

Let everything with life and breath praise God!

PRELUDE

“Easter Joy”

arr. P. Benjamin

UNISON PRAYER

**God of the Resurrection, you open the tomb
and invite us to sing and dance in the
new life you give us.**

**In Jesus Christ,
whose wounds are not erased but glorified in resurrection,
touch our wounds that they may be transformed
into channels of healing for others.**

Holy Spirit, breathe into us the power to forgive so that all

may have new life.
As with all things, we pray this in the name of Jesus,
our brother, teacher, and guide who taught us all 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

SCRIPTURE

Acts 5:27-32

SOLO

"The Old Rugged Cross"

G. Bernard

MESSAGE

Resurrection Witnesses

Andy Burr

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN # 237

"How Firm a Foundation"

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 congregation responds with, "**As you sent Christ, now send us.**"

INVITATION TO OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

"Deo Gracias"

arr. M. Dicke

*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**

Holy One,
bless our offerings and transform them
into healing for the wounded,
hope for the disheartened,
courage for the frightened,
and faith for the embittered.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
your faithful witness,
the first resurrected, and
ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. Amen

GOD SENDS US FORTH

***HYMN**

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Tune: Ash Grove

Verse 1

Sent forth by God’s blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended; oh, now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us
to work for God’s kingdom and answer his call.

Verse 2

With praise and thanksgiving to you ever living,
The tasks of our ev’ry day life we will face,
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing your children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us; with your light now lead us.
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr”
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F.W. Zachau
A.N. Vetter

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

* All who wish, please stand.

Thank you to Andy Burr for leading us in worship today. Andy has recently retired and moved with his recently-retired wife – The Rev. Dr. Karen Nell Smith – to the Cape fulltime and lives in Cataumet. For the past twelve years, Andy has been engaged in interim ministry at several churches in Central Massachusetts. Prior to that, he served as the settled pastor of The First Congregational Church in Worcester and The United Parish of Lunenburg. In addition to parish ministry Andy serves as the chaplain to Public Safety Departments and as a member of the Cape and Islands CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) Team.

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

Pat Smith (Michael Smith's mother)
Lexis Allen (lifelong friend of Sandy Clark)

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)
Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)
Ned Flynn (Ted's father)
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Keith Heard (friend of the Naylors)
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)
Lauren (friend of Christie Burns)
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)
Ben Walcott (Sandy Clark's family member)
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 27, 2025

Sunday	4/27/25	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	4/28/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	4/29/25	9:15 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	4/30/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	5/1/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	5/2/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (M)
Saturday	5/3/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/4/25	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 Anne Tabor and John Lindhares
- ♦ **The Flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were given by** Liz Knox-Lupfer and Dan Lipfer. 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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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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