

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

May 11, 2025

10:00 a.m.

"I sustain myself with the love of family." – Maya Angelou

"Insanity runs in my family. It practically gallops." – Cary Grant

"We live in a world where everything is connected. We can no longer think in terms of us and them when it comes to the consequences of the way we live. It's all about WE." – Gregg Braden

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 Bob Naylor

*HYMN #27 (Green)

Now Thank We All Our God”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us come away from our regular routines, our trivial and important concerns, our empty and full calendars, and, yes, our less than rigorous piety and gather as a family of faith.

All: We come in our diversity to seek a unity of spirit.

One: We come as mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, extended family...

All: To seek how to deepen our faith so that we can reflect Christ's grace and sacrificial love as we live in all of the constellations of family life!

One: Regardless of our family configuration or our geographic location...

All: Let us give thanks because we are part of God's family!

PRELUDE

“Hymn to Joy”

arr. J. Cotter

UNISON PRAYER – In first person adapted with additions from a prayer by the Rev. Dr. Ted Loder

O Holy One, I hear and say so many words, yet yours is the word I need. In this time of worship speak now and help me to listen. Whether it is in the words shared and spoken or in the silence, let your word quiet my disquieted soul. Let it disturb me out of my complacency. Let it touch my need; let it shrink my certainties; let it enlarge my wonder so that I might more fully walk in the footsteps of my sibling, Jesus, the Christ, 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.

ANTHEM

“Hymn of Promise”

Natalie Sleeth

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Selections from Proverbs 31 Galatians 5:13-23

SOLO “Season of Promise” H. Frombach, M. Hayes

MESSAGE “Lessons on Faith-Based Virtue from Mothers and Others”
Pastor Bob Naylor

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #391 (Green) “God Made from One Blood”

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

“Ave Maria”

F. Schubert

*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) “Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE “Rondeau” J. Mouret
(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

* All who wish, please stand.

Thank you to Pastor Bob Naylor for leading us in worship today.

Bob Naylor has preached at West Parish on numerous occasions. He has served churches in Danbury, Simsbury, and Greenwich, CT. He also served in UCC Conference and National Staff ministries. He is the author of the Pilgrim Press, *What Church Leaders Really Need to Know*. He is the lead consultant with a church and clergy consulting and coaching ministry, In Church Imagining. He lives with his “true” Congregationalist wife, Gretchen, in Mashpee.

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:*

Lexis Allen (lifelong friend of Sandy Clark)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Reed Baer
Bill and Dottie Brower
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
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)
Pat Smith (Michael Smith's mother)
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 May 11, 2025

Sunday	5/11/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	5/12/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm (G)
Tuesday	5/13/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir (M) AA (J) WITS at Pastor Christie's W.B. Festival Committee (G)
Wednesday	5/14/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (M)
Thursday	5/15/25	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
Friday	5/16/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Stewardship (G) Knitting Group (G) Pop-Up Crafting (J) AA (M)
Saturday	5/17/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/18/25	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 Mens' Breakfast Group.
- ♦ **The Flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were given by** the Palmers in memory of Ray & Shirley Palmer. They were arranged by Gail Fioretti.
- ♦ **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 such as "Deacons", please note that in the description.

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