

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

IMAGINE

May 18, 2025

10:00 a.m.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." - Revelations 21:3-5

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 Christie Burns

*HYMN # 51 (Green) "All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Imagine and Sing!

One: Beloved, let us gather not just as individuals, but as a symphony of voices, a chorus of hearts. Let us open our minds to the boundless realms of imagination, where we can see God's majesty and hear the echoes of His glory.

People: We do!

One: Let us not just hear the words of the hymns, but feel their power, see their beauty, and experience their truth. Let our imagination be our canvas, and our voices be our brushstrokes, painting a vibrant portrait of God's love.

People: We will sing!

One: Let us sing not just with our throats, but with our souls, our hearts, and our very being. Let the melody of our praise rise up like a fragrant offering, a testament to the God who has given us the gift of imagination and the joy of song.

People: We will praise!

One: Let us enter into the sacred space of worship, not as spectators, but as participants, not as observers, but as artists. Let us use our imaginations to create a symphony of worship, a tapestry of praise, a masterpiece of devotion.

People: We will worship!

One: Let us, with hearts full of gratitude and spirits lifted, respond to God's call. Let us join together in this time of worship, as we sing, as we imagine, and as we praise.

People: We will worship!

PRELUDE

"Imagine"

J. Lennon, arr. P. King

UNISON PRAYER

Prayer for Spring

Pastor: The days of darkness and winter evolve into days of light and spring. As we approach the coming of spring, we can feel our hearts lifted by the warmth of the longer days of sun and the emerging of the spring bulbs with glimpses of color. Yet we continue to hear news of war, of people being hungry, of new variants of COVID and we feel the pull of the darkness. Let us pray for the sustaining light of God's hope that is with us in the dark of days of winter and in the news of the world.

Let us pray together:

All: Gracious God, your hope and love has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. You sent your Son to be the light that we need all times and especially in times of darkness. As Christ shines upon us, may we feel your presence and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, now and forever. Amen.

Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer.

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

"We are Called"

D. Haas

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Revelations 21:1-6

Gospel Lesson: John 13:31-35

SOLO

"Thy Word is like a Garden, Lord"

R. Powell

MESSAGE

Imagine

Pastor Christie Burns

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN

"Thy Word"

Amy Lee Grant / Michael Whitaker Smith

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

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When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path

I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

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

“Miniature # 31”

F. Peters

*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 # 33 (Green) "When in Our Music God is Glorified"

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

"Recessional in C"

J. Dixon

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

* All who wish, please stand.

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 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)
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 18, 2025

Sunday	5/18/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	5/19/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	5/20/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Finance (G & Z) Bell Choir (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	5/21/25	8 am – 11:30 am 9:15 am 12:00 pm 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Conferences (G) FS Board (G) AA (M)
Thursday	5/22/25	8 am – 3 pm 5:00 pm	FS Conferences (G) AA (J)
Friday	5/23/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (M)
Saturday	5/24/25	11:00 am 4:30 pm	Barbara Rogers Memorial Service (M) Worship
Sunday	5/25/25	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 the Beat Cafe in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our hosts today are members of the senior and bell choirs.
- ♦ **The Flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were given by** Matt Tooker. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.

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 such as "Deacons", please note that in the description.

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.

Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
Paula King, Music Director
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