

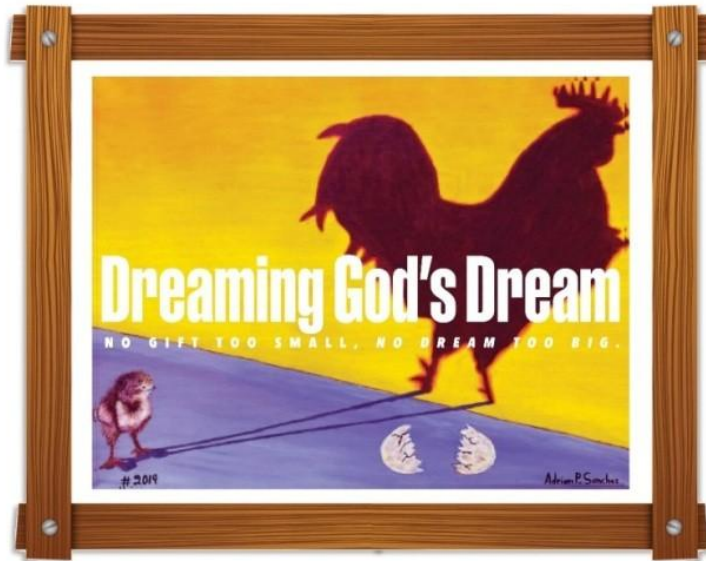
West Parish of Barnstable

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

7th Sunday of Easter

Pledge Sunday

June 1, 2025

10:00 a.m.

"Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved."

Acts 2:43-47

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 #29 (Green)

"Rejoice, O Pure In Heart"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

One: Our God has given us many gifts.

Many: The most precious of these gifts is our life.

One: Our life is to be lived serving others – that is our most wondrous call.

Many: In this way, we respond to our several callings.

One: At the dawn of every passing morning and at the rise of every day, God claims our lives wherever we are.

Many: We are a people of God.

One: In the midst of our daily struggles, God claims our lives for whatever we do.

Many: We are servants to our sisters and brothers.

One: At the end of every passing day, God claims our lives for whatever we have done.

Many: We have served, we have cared, we have shared, we have healed, and we have loved. These are our responses to God's claim.

PRELUDE

"Gather us In"

M. Haugen, arr. J. Cotter

THE COVENANT OF WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE

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.**

ANTHEM "Table of Plenty" D. Schutte

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:37-47 (The Message)

SERMON "The Sermon on the Amount" Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #454 (Grren) "God Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

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 Rev. Burns

HYMN (seated) #270 (Green) "Our Father, Who Art in Heaven"

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 Tune: "St. Brendan's" arr. P. King

*SONG OF PRAISE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

**Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ's presence.

We will celebrate communion by intinction; come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and consume it on the way back to your seat. If you would prefer to be served where you sit, raise your hand and the deacons will come to you.

For those who prefer, please take the packaged communion-to-go.

(We offer a gluten-free, wheat-free alternative – in the plastic bags – for those whose diet so requires. We serve cranberry juice out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol.)

INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure – that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #596 (Green)

"Stewards of a Living Church"

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Finale from Concerto no. 5

G.F. Handel

(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 in Jenkins Hall following the service.

BBQ DINNER

on the lawn at West Parish

SATURDAY, JUNE 14

Starting June 14th from 4pm to 6pm we will begin our Chicken BBQ dinners! They will happen every two weeks this summer here at West Parish. Meals will be cooked by our in house chefs Tripp Grohe, Alycia Williams, and Ted Gould.

The dinners will consist of :

- Half of a BBQ chicken • Pasta salad • Potato Salad • Corn on the Cob • A variety of desserts

*To place an order, please email
director@westparishfamilyschool.org*

*Tickets are \$10, and payment can be
made through Venmo or cash at the door*

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

*Bring your own chairs or blankets to
sit outside and enjoy the festivities!*

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)
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 of June 1, 2025

Sunday	6/1/25	10:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Unity Concert with Steve G. & the Band AA (J)
Monday	6/2/25	10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	6/3/25	8:00 am – 4:00 pm 9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	6/4/25	8:00 – 11:30 am 9:15 am 12:00 pm 1:00 – 3:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Conferences (G) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	6/5/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	6/6/25	10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) FS Conferences (G) AA (J)
Saturday	6/7/25	4:30 pm	Animal Blessing Worship
Sunday	6/8/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

- ♦ **Please join us for Coffee Hours in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our host today is Ted Gould.
- ♦ **The Flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were given by** Matt & Cindy Tooker in memory of James and Marie Dinizio. 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

Venmo @WestParish or scan the QR code.



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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
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