

# *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**

*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

June 15, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you.  
And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’  
So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”*

Luke 12:21

All are invited to stay for the full service today.  
Saturday School is off for the summer.

## 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 #418 (Green)

*“Faith of Our Fathers”*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

*One: We are summoned here by our holy God,*

**Many: who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.**

*One: From classroom and kitchen, from job sites on land and on sea, from beach and t-ball fields,*

**Many: we are called into God’s presence.**

*One: Young and old and middle-aged, families and individuals, soft-spoken and outspoken,*

**Many: we hear our names being called to join in worship.**

*One: This house of worship is a place to pursue God’s vision for all people:*

**Many: unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts. Let us worship together!**

PRELUDE

*“Gift of Love”*

H. Hopson

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*One: Sometimes we hurt members of our family; sometimes we hurt our friends; sometimes we hurt ourselves; sometimes we hurt God. Our prayer of confession is a chance to say, “We’re sorry.” Putting our trust in the accepting grace of Jesus Christ, let us pray together. . .*

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: You asked for our hands, O God, that you might use them for your purpose. We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them for the work was hard.**

*One: You asked for our mouths, to speak out against injustice. We gave you a whisper, that we might not be accused.*

**All: You asked for our eyes, to see the pain of poverty. We closed them, for we did not want to see.**

*One: You asked for our lives, that you might work through us. We instead chose small parts, that we might not get too involved.*

**All: O God, forgive us for all our calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for us to do so, only in those places where it is safe for us to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*One: To all who turn from sin in sorrow, to all who turn to God in hope, this is God's word of grace: we are accepted, we are forgiven, we are loved. This gift we have from God.*

**Many: Thanks be to God!**

#### 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

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

#### SCRIPTURE

Luke 12:13-21

#### MESSAGE

“2 Brothers, One Spirit of Self-giving Love”

Pastor Reed

#### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #454 (Green) “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





## 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

**Kathleen Nolan** (friend of Dale and Sandy Seidsma)

**Laura** (former parishioner of Bob Naylors')

**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)

**Phil Peck** (friend of Rik Clark)

**Carol Polidoro**

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

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

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

**Scarlett** (former Family School student)

**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)

**Roy Urbach** (friend of Karen Datlowe)

**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 15, 2025**

<b>Sunday</b>	6/15/25	10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Worship Deacons (G) AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	6/16/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	6/17/25	3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	6/18/25	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	6/19/25	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Rooster Crows Articles Due</b> AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	6/20/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	6/21/25		
<b>Sunday</b>	6/22/25	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 arranged by Kenyon Gregoire.
- ♦ **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.

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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  
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