

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

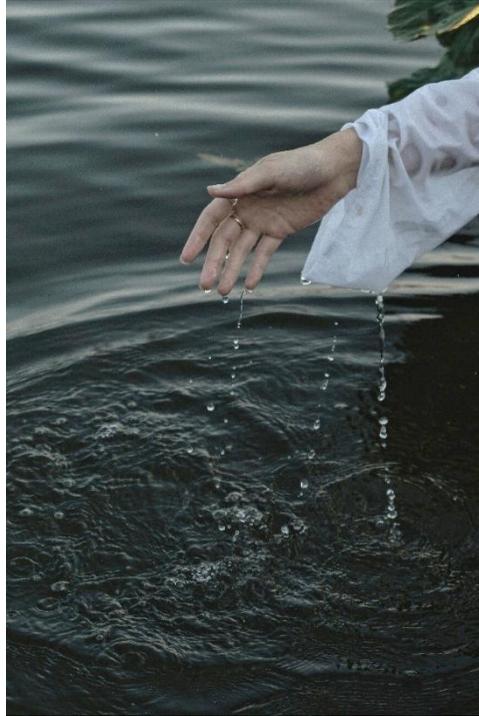


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THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“Are not the rivers of Damascus better than all the waters of Israel?
Could I not wash in them, and be clean?”*

2 Kings 5:12

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Church School is off until September.

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 #457 (Red)

"The Summer Days Are Come Again"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are a people of the water.

Many: We live surrounded by waters of salt: waters which feed us, providing fish for our tables; waters which provide transportation for travelers; waters which give refreshment to leisure-seekers.

One: We are a people of the water.

Many: We awake and we shower or bathe, the waters cleansing and renewing us for the tasks of the coming day.

One: We are a people of the water.

Many: We depend upon the rain shower to sustain our gardens and green the grass, to replenish the aquifer and our wells.

One: We are a people of the water.

Many: We worship a God whose love flows like water,

One: Whose love, like little drops trickling from fingertips to foreheads, awakens and renews and brings joy.

Many: In thanksgiving for being a people of the water, we gather to worship our God!

PRELUDE

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

arr. A.L. Page

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, how often have your blessings come to us gift-wrapped in water! By water you protect us before we ever see the light of day; by water you slake our thirst, by water you turn the arid waste to the arable plain. By water you refract the sun's golden rays, setting your bow of covenant in the sky; by water we die to sin and are reborn to new life in Jesus Christ.

Come to us by water again this day, O Lord. Be a presence among us as tears mist our eyes; be in the life-blood coursing through our veins; be present to these children and to us in these baptismal waters.

Grace us with your presence, O God, that we might, through our presence to each other and the world, in our turn be gracious as well. Through Jesus Christ, who taught us 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

2 Kings 5:1-14

MESSAGE

"I Love That Dirty Water!"

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #307 (Green)

"Wonder of Wonders"

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

"One Bread, One Body"

J.M. Talbot

*SONG OF PRAISE

**As those on whom the Spirit fell
Went boldly forth your praise to tell,
So may we too be led this day
To praise you boldly, as did they. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #345 (Green) *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

G. Young

(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 following the service.

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

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)

Nina Stasiowski (Marianne Williams sister-in-law)

Neil Constantine (brother of Alexander Constantine)

Tom Clark (nephew of Rik 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

Kathleen Nolan (friend of Dale and Sandy Seidsma)

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 22, 2025

Sunday	6/22/25	9:15 am	Outreach (G)
		10:00 am	Worship
		11:00 am	Fall Prevention Presentation (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Monday	6/23/25		Start of FS Summer Program
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	6/24/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	6/25/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	6/26/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	6/27/25	10:00 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	West Barnstable Historucal Assoc. (M)
Saturday	6/28/25		
Sunday	6/29/25	10:00 am	Worship
		11:00 am	Annual Meeting (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our hosts today are Tripp & Donna Grohe as we celebrate Shirley Swift's 103rd birthday.

After celebrating Shirley, there will be a Fall Awareness & Prevention Talk given by Dr. Samuel Rosenbach, PT, DPT, Cert. DN, of Inspire Physical Therapy LLC, Plymouth, MA. This will be a one hour presentation on fall awareness and prevention in your home.

This is brought to you through the on going networking of the Church Office Professionals members, of which our office administrator, Susan McEwen is a member.

- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Susan Moeller in memory of Alice and Jake. They were arranged by Lynn Parker.
- ◆ **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
Alycia Williams, Family School Director

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor
Susan McEwen, Office Administrator
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