

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

4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.”*

Isaiah 58:11

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

IN THE GARDEN

Carol Allen

*HYMN #258 (Green)

"Morning has Broken"

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Many: Let us worship God with love, thanksgiving, and praise. Amen.

PRELUDE

Garden Creatures

"Chipmunk"

P. King

"Swallowtail jig"

arr. P. King

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God; who is faithful and just, who will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from unrighteousness.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, you have provided all we need and watched over us.

But in response we have often ignored your care, and have not always lived in ways you long for.

We know that, like those who have gone before us, and all of your people even now, we at times disappoint you, going against your hopes and dreams.

Forgive us, God. Don't give up on us. Continue to care for us, that we might do your will, producing the fruits of justice and proclaiming your praise. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God has been with saints throughout history, and God is with us now. Know that you are forgiven, and invited by God into new living.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SOLO

“In the Garden”

C.A. Miles

IN THE GARDEN

Laura Murphy

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:6-12

SERMON

“Like A Watered Garden”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #457 (Red)

“The Summer Days are Come Again”

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

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.

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

“In the Bulb there is a Flower”

N. Sleeth, 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

Thank you gracious God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for the witness we cannot forget and the mission of justice you have made your own. Give us the gifts of the Holy Communion; oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #63 (Green)

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

"Hornpipe"

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 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

Rick Clay (brother of Sharon Hunt)

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Reed Baer
Tom Clark (nephew of Rik Clark)
Neil Constantine (brother of Alexander Constantine)
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)
Nina Stasiowski (Marianne Willams sister-in-law)
Scarlett (former Family School student)
Pat Smith (Michael Smith's mother)
Nina Stasiowski (Marianne Willams sister-in-law)
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)
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 July 6, 2025

Sunday	7/6/25	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Annual Meeting AA (J)
Monday	7/7/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	7/8/25	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) W.B. Festival Committee (G)
Wednesday	7/9/25	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	7/10/25	10:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) FS Board (G) AA (J)
Friday	7/11/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	7/12/25	4:00 pm	Chicken Dinner
Sunday	7/13/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** Our host today is Ted Gould.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given and arranged by Lynn Parker with thanks for the beauty of nature and peaceful time in the garden.
- ◆ **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
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