

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

5th Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

10:00 a.m.

“Now God has us where he wants us, with all the time in this world and the next to shower grace and kindness upon us in Christ Jesus. Saving is all his idea, and all his work. All we do is trust him enough to let him do it.”

Ephesians 2:7

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

*OPENING SONG *“Gimme That Old Time Religion”*

Refrain: **Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion,
It’s good enough for me.**

**It was good for Paul and Silas,
It was good for Paul and Silas,
It was good for Paul and Silas,
It’s good enough for me.**

Refrain

**It was good for the Hebrew children,
It was good for the Hebrew children,
It was good for the Hebrew children,
It’s good enough for me.**

Refrain

**It was good for our mothers,
It was good for our mothers,
It was good for our mothers,
It’s good enough for me.**

Refrain

**It was good for our fathers,
It was good for our fathers,
It was good for our fathers,
It’s good enough for me.**

Refrain

**Makes me love ev'rybody,
Makes me love ev'rybody,
Makes me love ev'rybody,
It's good enough for me.**

Refrain

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ever-creating One, you fashion the universe as we know it, mold this our Earth home, set the mountains in their places and the seas in theirs.

All: He's got the whole world in his hands.

One: You who delight in created diversity, we praise you for having gifted us with a humanity almost too-diverse to comprehend; you gift us male and female and trans and questioning; white and black and brown, sun-burned and sun-tanned, wrinkled and smooth muscled ... and less so.

All: She's got the whole world, in her hands.

One: Treasuring our individuality and the uniqueness of every person, sometimes we forget that no one is an island unto them self, for we are all connected, because

All: God's got the whole world, in God's hands. Amen!

PRELUDE

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

W. Runyan, T. Chisholm

UNISON PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Mother of us all, we wonder what your hands are like.

Calloused and lined with age, scarred from the work of forming the eternal hills, mud under the nails from forming man and woman in your image?

Soft and tender as the palms of a newborn, made to caress, to reach out eagerly for connection with us?

Strong and firm, at the ready to uphold us and to ward off whatever dangers may arise?

Perhaps even – and this we know – wounded, bearing the marks of your suffering for us on the cross, for our salvation?

And even as we wonder, we give you thanks, for holding us, and this whole world, in your hands. Amen.

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	Ephesians 2:7-10	The Message
MESSAGE	“An Amazing Story, Part 1”	Pastor Reed
*HYMN #401 (Green)	“Amazing Grace”	

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

SCRIPTURE	Matthew 5:15-17
MESSAGE	“An Amazing Story, Part 2”
*HYMN #364 (Green)	“This Little Light of Mine” v. 1-4

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	“I’ve got Peace Like a River”	Trad. African Amer.
*SONG OF PRAISE (insert)	“Do Lord”	

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

SCRIPTURE	1 Thessalonians 4:15-18
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MESSAGE

“An Amazing Story, Part 3: Our Transcendent Hope!”

*HYMN

“I’ll Fly Away”

A. Brumley

**Some bright morning when this life is over
I’ll fly away
To that home on Gods celestial shore
I’ll fly away**

Refrain

**I’ll fly away, oh glory
I’ll fly away (in the morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by
I’ll fly away**

**When the shadows of this life have gone
I’ll fly away
Like a bird from these prison walls I’ll fly
I’ll fly away**

Refrain

**Oh how glad and happy when we meet
I’ll fly away
No more cold iron shackles on my feet
I’ll fly away**

Refrain

**Just a few more weary days and then
I’ll fly away
To a land where joys will never end
I’ll fly away**

Refrain

“I Saw the Light”

H. Williams

**I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin
I wouldn’t let my dear savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

Chorus

**I saw the light, I saw the light
No more darkness, no more night
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

**Just like a blind man, I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

Chorus

**I was a fool to wander and a-stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord, I saw the light**

Chorus

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Old Time Medley”

(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.

Do Lord

Traditional African-American spiritual, 19th century



Chorus: Do Lord, — Oh, do Lord, Oh, do re - mem - ber me.

1. I've got a home in Glo - ry - land that out - shines the sun,
2. I took Je - sus as my Sav - ior, You take Him too;



Do Lord, — Oh, do Lord, Oh, do re - mem - ber me.

I've got a home in Glo - ry - land that out - shines the sun.
I took Je - sus as my Sav - ior, You take Him too;



Do Lord, — Oh, do Lord, Oh, do re - mem - ber me.

I've got a home in Glo - ry - land that out - shines the sun.
I took Je - sus as my Sav - ior, You take Him too;



Look a - way be - yond the blue.

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

Nelson Jenkins (friend of Tripp Grohe)

Phillip Jacobs (friend of the pastors)

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)

Reed Baer

Tom Clark (nephew of Rik Clark)

Rick Clay (brother of Sharon Hunt)

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 13, 2025

Sunday	7/13/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	7/14/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	7/15/25	3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	7/16/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	7/17/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	7/18/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	7/19/25		
Sunday	7/20/25	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 by Van and Wendy Northcross in celebration of their 41st wedding anniversary. The flowers 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
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