

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

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way,
but that by my speaking with all boldness,
Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death.”*

Philippians 1:20

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 #80 (Green)

“Our God Our Help in Ages Past”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You will say in that day:

Many: God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid; for the Sovereign God is my strength and my song.

One: With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

Many: Sing praises to the Sovereign God who has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth.

One: In boldness and with trust in God, let us worship together!

PRELUDE

“In Christ Alone”

K. Getty, S. Townsend, arr. Joel Cawich

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

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.” Let us pray together...

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, whose Word is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path, we recognize and confess that we have failed to respond fully to your gracious presence in our lives. Through Jesus Christ you have offered us new life, fulfillment, and the freedom to serve you.

We confess that we are captive to sin, that our sin binds us with false pride, and that the wrong we do is made worse by the good we leave undone.

Reconcile us to you and to all people. God of mercy, forgive all our sin and strengthen us anew for life as you intend it; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: The good news is this: We are no longer under law, but under God's grace. Paul writes that the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord through whom we are freed from sin and brought from death to life.

Many: Thanks be to God!

THE LORD'S PRAYER #270 (Green)

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Philippians 1:12-14, 18b-26
 (Revised English Bible)

SPECIAL MUSIC “You'll Never Walk Alone” Rodgers/Hammerstein
 Earl Marryat, pianist

SERMON “The Great White Hunter of East Sandwich” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #530 (Green) “Once to Every Heart and Nation”

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 a selection of “Miniatures” F. Peters

*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 #474 (Green)

"Rise Up, O Saints of God"

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" G. Webb, arr. F. Swann
(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

Sybil (Carol Allen's daughter)

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

Tom Davis

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)

Phillip Jacobs (friend of the pastors)

Nelson Jenkins (friend of Tripp Grohe)

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)

Stephen Merritt (Sharon Wyman's cousin)

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)

Scarlett (former Family School student)

Pat Smith (Michael Smith's mother)

Nina Stasiowski

(Marianne Williams sister-in-law)

Joanne Stubbins

Nancy Sturgis (friend of Joanne Wallace)

Benji Stuart

(grandson of Heiti and Bill Manning)

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

The Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday	8/3/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	8/4/25	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	8/5/25	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Wednesday	8/6/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	8/7/25	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) Laurent Jochum Concert (M)
Friday	8/8/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	8/9/25		
Sunday	8/10/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Outreach (G) Worship AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for fellowship at Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** Our host today is Ted Gould.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Annie Taber and John Linhares in celebration of their wedding anniversary. The flowers were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Prayer List** – please notify the church office of any additions, deletions, or changes you wish to make. Call 508-362-4445, email office@westparish.org, leave a note, or stop on by.

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

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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
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