

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

August 17, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“Adam hid in the Garden of Eden.
Moses tried to substitute his brother.
Jonah jumped a boat and was swallowed by a whale...
people like to run from God. It's a tradition.”*

Mitch Albom

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Saturday 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

Rev. Robert Naylor

*HYMN #57 (Green) *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the face of unsteady and trying times.....

All: In our worship let us bring hearts filled with joy before our God!

One: In these times where there seems to be division, hatred, and warfare wherever we look...

All: Let us learn to be instruments of God's compassion and peace!

One: Lord, help us not to be swallowed up by pessimism and despair.....

All: But rather be lights of hope that shine brilliantly and brighten the lives of others. Let us worship the God in Christ whose resurrection light overcame the darkness of death!

PRELUDE

"Celtic Ocean Songs"

arr. for Irish Tin whistle by P. King

UNISON PRAYER

Lord, I need to be honest with you, I am not quite sure what to pray about. My mind is cluttered with unfounded fears and unfulfilled dreams; abounding gratitude and nagging grievances; busy agendas and nearly empty spiritual energy; concerns for others and self-centered desires: moments of joyous laughter and times when I take myself too seriously. God of grace, help me to unclutter my soul so that I can bring peace and harmony to myself and others as I seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. 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.

SOLO "You are Mine" D. Haas

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Jonah 3 - selections Matthew 12:38-45

*HYMN (insert) "Jonah, What Will You Do" J. Vogt

SERMON "A Whale of a Tale" Bob Naylor

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN # 304 (Green) "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult" (vs 1, 3, 5)

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 "Hymn" Vangelis

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord.
The life laid down, the life restored;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN # 474 (Green)

“Rise Up, O Saints of God”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Lobe den Herren, den machtigen Konig der Ehren”

J. G. Walther

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

* All who wish, please stand.

Those arriving late may be seated during hymns and musical responses.

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

*Calvin Toye and Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brothers)
Jacquie and Don Martin*

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)
Reed Baer
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)
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)
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)
Phil Peck (friend of Rik Clark)
Carol Polidoro
Savanna Ramotar (friend of Sharon Hunt)
Sybil (Carol Allen's daughter)
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 17, 2025

Sunday	8/17/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	8/18/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	8/19/25	3:30 pm 5:00 pm	Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	8/20/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	8/21/25	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
Friday	8/22/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	8/23/25		
Sunday	8/24/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** Our hosts today are Carol Allen and Robin Fryer.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given and arranged by Carol Allen, in memory of David.
- ◆ **The 2025 Flower Calendar** is up on the sign up board next to the kitchen pass thru window. 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 sign up board next to the kitchen pass thru window 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.

JONAH, WHAT WILL YOU DO

Janet Vogt

Refrain

Jo - nah, Jo - nah, what will you do? Lis - ten, God is call -
 - ing to you! Oh, Jo - nah, what will you do
 when our God is call - ing to you?

Verses

1. † Tides roll in, † tides roll out.
 2. † Waves roll on, † waves roll high.
 3. The might - y seas, they toss and turn.
 4. † Land ____ ho! † Here we go!

1. Faith has a way of still - ing those lit - tle voic -
 2. Just when you least ex - pect ____ it, a storm comes rush -
 3. God has a way of teach - ing you things that you
 4. Just look a - round, you've found ____ your feet on sol -

1. - es of doubt. † O - ceans deep, †
 2. - ing by. ____ † Wind and rain, †
 3. must learn. ____ So when you set your
 4. - id ground. ____ † God is good, †

1. o - ceans wide; God has a way ____
 2. sleet and hail; just when you least ____
 3. course to sail, point ____ your - self toward God ____
 4. God is true. Out of the depths of dark -

to Refrain

1. ____ of find - ing you when you want to hide!
 2. ____ ex - pect ____ it, you run in - to a whale!
 3. ____ and you ____ will nev - er run in - to a whale!
 4. - ness, God ____ de - liv - ers me and 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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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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