

# 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

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“As soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead,  
Ahab set out to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite,  
to take possession of it.”*

1 Kings 21:16

All are invited to stay for the full service today.  
Our Saturday service and Saturday School start on September 6th.

## 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 #531 (Green)

*“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

*One: Greetings to our sisters and brothers in faith.*

**Many: We come to celebrate God’s presence,**

*One: and God’s love expressed through Jesus Christ.*

**Many: We come remembering Christ’s life and ministry,**

*One: and the life we are called to live.*

**Many: We come as people people searching for ways to live out our faith.**

*One: We come seeking the strength to carry on our journey.*

**Many: Let us rejoice in God’s gift to us!**

PRELUDE

*“Open my Eyes that I may See”*

C.H. Scott, arr. C. Boyles

UNISON PRAYER

**Sometimes, God, it seems that no one wins. We look at things going on  
around us and throw up our hands – evil is boundless and pervasive. And yet...**

**Still you cry out for justice.**

**Still you call your prophets to declare your word, even when it is unpopular.**

**Are we prophets, God? Instill your spirit deep within us that we might find  
the courage to take risks in declaring your message. 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**



\*SONG OF PRAISE

Bob Gardiner

**From all that dwell the earth around  
Let thanks and praise, O God, resound.  
Receive these humble gifts, we pray;  
Let them your love, and ours, display. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN #512 (Green)

*“Let There Be Peace on Earth”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE *“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”* (A Mighty Fortress is our God)

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

*David Mendelow* (Sandy Clark's friend)

**Christopher Allen** (Carol & David Allen's grandson)

**Karolina Atsalis** (friend of the Abrahams)

**Reed Baer**

**Rick Clay** (Sharon Hunt's brother)

**Neil Constantine** (Alexander Constantine's brother)

**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** (Sharon and John Hunt's daughter-in-law)

**Gina Jacinto** (Joanne Wallace's friend)

**Nelson Jenkins** (Tripp Grohe's friend)

**David Kuehn** (friend of Robin Miller and Kim Baker)

**Gary Komosky** (Chris Haven's brother)

**Martha Lant** (Peggie Bretz's sister-in-law)

**Meredith Leonard** (Debbie Barrette's mother)

**Cheryl Lickteig** (Jeanne Douglass' friend)

**Adrienne Locklear** (Kelly and Macayla Washburn's family)

**Sue Maki** (Joanne Wallace's friend)

**Jacquie and Don Martin**

**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** (Dale and Sandy Seidsma's friend)

**Jordan Northcross** (Van Northcross' brother)

**Phil Peck** (Rik Clark's friend)

**Carol Polidoro**

**Savanna Ramotar** (Sharon Hunt's friend)

**Sybil** (Carol Allen's daughter)

**Pat Smith** (Michael Smith's mother)

**Nina Stasiowski** (Marianne Williams' sister-in-law)

**Joanne Stubbins**

**Nancy Sturgis** (Joanne Wallace's friend)

**Benji Stuart** (Heiti and Bill Manning's grandson)

**Jim Sweeney** (Randy Parker's brother-in-law)

**Calvin Toye** (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

**Gary Toye** (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

**Marvin Toye** (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

**Roy Urbach** (Karen Datlowe's friend)

**Nancy Woodman** (Marianne Williams' friend)

**Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn**

**The Week of August 31, 2025**

<b>Sunday</b>	8/31/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	9/1/25	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9/2/25	5:00 pm	First Day of Family School AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9/3/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	9/4/25	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	RC Creative Crafters (J) AA (M)
<b>Friday</b>	9/5/25	10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) RC Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	9/6/25	2:00 pm 4:30 pm	Foster Memorial Service (M) Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	9/7/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** We are celebrating those with a birthday in June, July or August.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given and arranged by Sharon Hunt in memory of her brother, Doug.
- ◆ **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](mailto: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  
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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