

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost

World-wide Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.*

*For those who want to save their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”*

Mark 8:34-35

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 #322 (Red)

“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus the Christ calls us to him.

Many: And so we gather to listen for his healing words.

One: The invitation is not for us alone,

Many: but for all peoples in all times and places.

One: But the invitation is for us,

Many: and so we rejoice in God’s grace poured out for all.

One: And yet Christ calls us to the way of the cross, summoning us: “Deny yourself and follow.”

Many: Christ challenges our complacency and bids us risk all for the gospel,

One: for the good news of a love which triumphs over evil;

Many: for the good news of a justice which shall overcome all oppression;

One: for the good news of a hope which will vanquish despair;

Many: for the good news of a peace which will make war no more.

**ALL: Come, let us worship together, that we might hear Christ’s invitation
anew, that we might be fortified by the Bread of Life for the journey, and so be
led out in joy!**

PRELUDE

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

O Waly, Waly, arr. D. Forest

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

One: We are people of worth and value. When we honestly acknowledge the shame and guilt of our lives, there is a possibility of transformation. Let us pray, putting our trust in the accepting grace of God.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You give us a vision of a new world, O God, and yet we find it so easy to abide in the old. You promise your presence among us, and yet we fail to invite you in. You would open our eyes, and yet we prefer a limited vision, lest we be forced to acknowledge the needs of the world. Forgive us, O God, and come seek us out in our roads of despair, our paths of self-interest, our hiding places of apathy. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God's love is boundless and reaches into the unknown and distant places of the earth -- even into our hearts. Hear the good news: in Christ, your sins are forgiven. Arise to new life!

Many: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"We are Called"

D. Haas

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:34-37, Romans 14:7-9

SOLO

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

S. Temple

MEDITATION

"Bricks and Martyrs"

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #482 (Green)

"Forward Through the Ages"

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

"Come Gather in this Peaceful Place"

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

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure – that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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:

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)
David Coward (Betsy Miller's brother)
Bill and Dottie Brower
Ginny Dolan (friend of the Haven Family)
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)
Ned Flynn (Ted's father)
George Flynn (Betsy Miller's brother)
Robin Fryer
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
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)
Jacque and Don Martin
David Mendelow (Sandy Clark's friend)
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)
Colleen Pastore (friend of John Hunt)
Carol Polidoro
Savanna Ramotar (Sharon Hunt's friend)
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 October 5, 2025

Sunday	10/5/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	10/6/25	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	10/7/25	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	10/8/25	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	10/9/25	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	10/10/25	10:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Professional Development (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	10/11/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/12/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** Our host today is Susan Moeller.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Peter & Betsy Smith in memory of our family loved ones and friends. They were arranged by Jeanne Pelletier.
- ◆ **The 2025 Flower Calendar has one last date open, November 2!** It is up on the sign-up board next to the kitchen pass thru window. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the flowers for the Meetinghouse this year. Keep an eye out for the December Poinsettias sign up in the November Rooster Crows newsletter and next year's Flower Calendar.
- ◆ **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.

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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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
Paula King, Music Director
Susan Moeller, Council Chair
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