

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 *19th Sunday after Pentecost*

October 19, 2025

10:00 a.m.

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.”

1 Cor. 12:12-13

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
We offer Saturday School 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 #386 (Green)

"We Are One in the Spirit"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 118

One: Here we are again,

Many: brought together in this faith community to find true life within it.

One: Here, we will sing again.

Many: Sing of joy and sorrow, praise and imperfection, all held together in Divine Love.

One: Here, we will listen again.

Many: Listen to stories ancient and emerging and discover truth written deep in our hearts.

One: Here, we will live again.

Many: Live as people of the great shalom, persistent in love, compassion and justice.

One: May it be so! Amen.

PRELUDE

We All Believe in One True God

J.S. Bach

UNISON PRAYER Based on Psalm 119:97-104

Loving God, open our spirits to Wisdom calling: calling us not to stand still, not to believe in static truth, but to seek understanding in relationship, to find love in action, to achieve justice in engagement.

Open our ears that we may hear the cries for peace and equality and move towards them.

Open our mouths that we may speak. Speak out in wisdom, in love, in justice, in truth.

Let our speaking be our worship of you, O just Spirit, O Divine Love, O Peaceful Wisdom, O God, our touchstone and our redeemer.

We pray together, as Jesus taught us, saying . . .

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 1 Cor. 12:12-19

SOLO "How Beautiful" T. Paris, arr. L. Larson
sung by Katherine King

SERMON "Diamonds in the Rough" Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #372 (Green) "Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race"

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

Elegy

William Walton

*SONG OF PRAISE

**As those on whom the Spirit fell
Went boldly forth your praise to tell,
So may we too be led this day
To praise you boldly, as did they. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #375 (Green)

“Weave” (sing three times)

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God
(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

Russell Schultz-Widmar

* 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.

Thank you to Charlene Higbe for being our guest organist today.

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)
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)
Timothy Farrell (Robin Fryer's daughter-in-law's father)
Ned Flynn (Ted's father)
George Flynn (Betsy Miller's brother)
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Susie Huang (Bob Naylor's friend)
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
David Mendelow (Sandy Clark's friend)
Stephen Merritt (Sharon Wyman's cousin)
Greg Miller
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)
Gary Toyne (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Marvin Toyne (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Roy Urbach (Karen Datlowe's friend)
Nancy Woodman (Marianne Williams' friend)
Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

The Week of October 19, 2025

Sunday	10/19/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	10/20/25	9:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) Finance (G & Z) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	10/21/25	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) W.B. Civic Assoc. "Meet the Candidates" (M)
Wednesday	10/22/25	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	10/23/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	10/24/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	10/25/25	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Trunk or Treat - FS Circle
Sunday	10/26/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** Our hosts today are Sharon Wyman and Bonnie Marryat.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Kath & Stan Warren in memory of Alma Warren. They were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- ◆ **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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If you would like your donation to go toward something specific like "Deacons", just note that in the description.

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