

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*“The Samaritan woman said to him,
‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’”*

John 4:9

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 #103 (Green)

"Jesus Loves Me"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

One: Beloved, sometimes we get it all backwards. We did not first seek God.

Many: God first came looking for us.

One: We do not find God.

Many: It is God who finds us.

One: Come, let us free ourselves of expectation and responsibility.

Many: May God find us in our worship here today.

One: Come, let us worship together in joy, for yes, Jesus love me

Many: And yes, Jesus loves *me!* Amen.

PRELUDE

"Gather Us In"

M. Haugen, arr. J. Cotter

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God, we come into your presence with joy and with singing. We come, each one and all, with unique strengths and weaknesses; together, your children.

Thank you for your creation, in your love, of a space where we are accepted as we are, where we can breathe, be honest, learn and grow.

Thank you for meeting with us here.

Thank you for our brothers and sisters in faith.

You teach and empower us to live together, to serve the gospel and change the world in life that does not die, and love that does not end. Amen

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.

ANTHEM "Bless the Lord, O My Soul" (10,000 Reasons)
M. Redman, J. Myrin, arr. L. Larson

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE John 4:1-30

SOLO "Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone)
J. Newton, additional lyrics C. Tomlin, L. Giglio

SERMON "Can We Talk?" Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #500 (Green) "O For a World"

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 "Lacrimosa" Mozart

*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 # 245 (Green) *“Come Into My Heart”*
(3 times; choir first, all second and third)

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE Paula's Spooky Surprise Medley!
(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

Robin Miller

Andrea Schwamb (friend of Robin Miller)

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)

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

Bill McEwen (Susan McEwen's husband)

David Mendelow (Sandy Clark's friend)

Stephen Merritt (Sharon Wyman's cousin)

Greg Miller

Brian Murphy

Peggy Nelson

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 26, 2025

Sunday	10/26/25	10:00 am	Worship
		11:15 am	Conversation with the Pastor (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Monday	10/27/25	9:00 am	FS Enrichment (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	10/28/25	11:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (M)
		11:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana
		4:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	10/29/25	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	10/30/25	10:00 am	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	10/31/25	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	11/1/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/2/25	10:00 am	Worship
		5:00 pm	AA (J)

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall.** Our hosts today are Annie Taber and John Linhares.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Kim Palmer in memory of her grandmother, Ruth Northup. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ◆ **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.

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If you would like your donation to go toward something specific such as "Deacons Fund", just note that in the description.

Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
Paula King, Music Director
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