

# 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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*"From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him— though indeed he is not far from each one of us."*

Acts 17:26-27

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 #372 (Green)      “Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race”

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To a society that lives in the shadowed recesses of doubt and fear,

**Many: God calls us to be light.**

One: To a world where every greed is fed until there is no taste to life,

**Many: God calls us to be salt.**

One: To a time where loyalties are discarded as easily as the clothes we wear,

**Many: God calls us to be faithful.**

One: May the faithful worship together, that when we leave this holy place, we will be that light and that salt to a world in need of both. Amen.

PRELUDE

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

D. Ackers, arr. F. Bock

“RESTORING MY AFRICAN SOUL”

poem by Jim Miller

### A RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: God of our weary years and our silent tears,

**Many: We thank you for your faithfulness through every generation.**

One: For ancestors who endured bondage, injustice, and loss,

**Many: We honor their courage and we remember their names.**

One: For voices that cried out for freedom and dignity,

**Many: Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream.**

One: When the road is long and hope feels fragile,  
**Many: Remind us that you are the God who delivers.**

One: Shape us to be people of truth, courage, and love,

**Many: So that freedom, justice, and mercy may live through us.**

**All: We offer this prayer in gratitude, remembrance, and hope. 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

"Come Sunday"

D. Ellington

"DON'T WANNA BE NO AFRICAN" and "I AM AN AFRICAN"

poems by Robin Miller

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises"

Trad. African

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:22-28

SERMON

"It's *All* Our History"

Pastor Reed

#### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #481 (Green)

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

#### CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

A RESPONSIVE PASTORAL PRAYER

*(The response is: "Keep your eye on the prize. HOLD ON!")*

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

"We Shall Overcome"

Trad. African American

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**O God, may we who bear your name  
By gentle love your grace proclaim,  
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare  
And your anointing Spirit share. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN (insert)

"For the Healing of the Nations"

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

"Mine Eyes Gave Seen the Glory"

arr. M. McDonald

\* All who wish, please stand.

## 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)  
**Betsy Eidem** (friend of Carol Allen)  
**Emy and Yessica** (friends of Christie Burns)  
**Sarah and Cody Hudspeth** (Sharon Hunt's niece and her husband)  
**Clyde Hunt** (brother of John Hunt)  
**Gina Jacinto** (Joanna Wallace's friend)  
**Nelson Jenkins** (Tripp Grohe's friend)  
**Dave & Barbara Kern** (friends of Joanna Wallace)  
**Sue Maki** (Joanna Wallace's friend)  
**Bill McEwen** (Susan McEwen's husband)  
**David Mendelow** (Sandy Clark's friend)  
**Jason Miller** (Robin and Jim Miller's son)  
**Greg Opp** (family member of Bobbie Jordan)  
**Randy Parker**  
**Carol Polidoro**  
**Gary Toyne** (Bobbie Jordan's brother)  
**Marvin Toyne** (Bobbie Jordan's brother)  
**Roy Urbach** (friend of Karen Datlow)  
**Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn**

## The Week of February 8, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	2/8/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	2/9/26	10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Black History Month Program (J) Council (G) AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm Board (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2/10/26	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:45 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) W. Barnstable Festival Comm. (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	2/11/26	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)
<b>Thursday</b>	2/12/26	8:00 am 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back AA (J) Compassion Collective (G)
<b>Friday</b>	2/13/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	2/14/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	2/15/26	10:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm	Worship Brunch of Love (J) AA (J)

**Key:** FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; MHF = Meetinghouse Foundation; Z = Zoom

- ♦ **Please join us for Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our hosts today are Susan and Rob Downey.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** are in celebration of Christie Burns' birthday. They were given by the Baer kids and arranged by Gail Fioretti.
- ♦ **Thank you to everyone** who has sponsored the flowers for the Meetinghouse last year. The **2026 Flower Calendar** is now up on the sign-up board in Jenkins Hall. Please sign up for sponsoring the flowers along with a dedication. The cost is \$32 and can be paid by cash, check, Vanco, 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 Host sign up** is on the board next to the kitchen pass thru window in Jenkins Hall. 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

**Venmo** @WestParish or scan the QR code.



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 such as "Deacons Fund", just note that in the description.

### **Church Staff**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
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