

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

2nd Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“And they went and woke him up, saying, ‘Lord, save us! We are perishing!’
And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, you of little faith?’”*

Matthew 8:25-26

All are invited to stay for the full service today.

Church School is offered for the children at our 4:30 Saturday contemporary 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 #1 (Red)

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: We are here not because we have found God, but because God our Creator has called us here.

Many: God challenges us to accept the costs and joys of discipleship, and to be servants in the service of the whole human family.

One: The call of God is filled with promise.

Many: A promise of forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace.

One: A promise of courage in the struggle for justice and peace, and eternal life in that realm which has no end.

Many: Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto you, O God.

PRELUDE

“Open My Eyes, that I May See”

C. Scott, arr. C. Boyles

UNISON PRAYER

Fit us, O God, for this new day.

Through your Spirit, grant us courage, so that today’s uncertainties may not overwhelm us.

Through your Christ, fill us with love, so that differences may not divide us.

Through your creative energy, make us new, so that the past may not enslave us.

Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life. 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;

*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

Thank you gracious God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for the witness we cannot forget and the mission of justice you have made your own. Give us the gifts of the Holy Communion; oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #464 (Green)

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Chaconne in G Minor”

L. Couperin

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

* 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:*

New to the Prayer List

Joanna Wallace

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)
Karolina Atsalis (friend of Rich and Lauren Abraham)
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)
Jason Miller (Robin and Jim Miller's son)
Greg Opp (family member of Bobbie Jordan)
Randy Parker
Carol Polidoro
Gary Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlowe)
Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn

The Week of March 1, 2026

Sunday	3/1/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	3/2/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	3/3/26	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) WITS (G)
Wednesday	3/4/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science(J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	3/5/26	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	AA (J) Compassion Collective (G)
Friday	3/6/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	3/7/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/8/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

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

- ◆ **Please join us in Jenkins Hall after worship for Coffee Hour.** Our host today is Ted Gould.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Chris and Brad Haven in celebration of their 46th anniversary. They were arranged by Chris in a vessel handcrafted by Brad.
- ◆ **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, 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.



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

Church Staff

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