

# *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**

3rd Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“The woman said to Jesus,  
‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep.  
Where do you get that living water?’”*

John 4:11

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

*“Wade in the Water”*

(Sung as a Call and Response, the song leader sings the lyrics in parentheses)

*Refrain*

**Wade in the Water**

**Wade in the Water, children**

**Wade in the Water**

**God's gonna trouble the Water**

*(Who's that yonder dressed in red)*

**Wade in the Water**

*(Must be the Children that Moses led)*

**And God's gonna trouble the Water**

*Refrain*

*(Who's that yonder dressed in white)*

**Wade in the Water**

*(Must be the Children of the Israelites)*

**God's gonna trouble the Water**

*Refrain*

*(Who's that yonder dressed in blue)*

**Wade in the Water**

*(Must be Children coming through)*

**And God's gonna trouble the Water**

*Refrain*

*(If you don't believe I've been redeemed)*  
**Wade in the Water**  
*(just follow me down to Jordan's stream)*  
**God's gonna trouble the Water.**

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: We know we are thirsty. Our souls are not at peace; our relationships are not always as we'd hope; our world is torn by violence and poverty.*

**Many: We see hollow faces and admit our own emptiness. We see people wandering the streets and confess our own aimlessness of spirit.**

*One: Jesus met a woman by a well of water. He gave her water that lived, water that quenched parched souls, water that satisfied deeply and truly.*

**ALL: Let us sing praises to the giver of living water. Let us worship the God who seeps deeply into the very fabric of our lives and world so that bubbly, springing, vital, eternal life may come and be ours. Come let us worship God. Amen.**

PRELUDE

“Come Thy Fount of Every Blessing”

E. Broughton

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

In the Form of a Doxology

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,  
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,  
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being,  
create persons in your own image,  
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

**You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will  
declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,  
you have come to us  
and shared our common lot,  
conquering sin and death  
and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,**

creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.  
You call us into your church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be your servants in the service of others,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

John 4:5-42

ANTHEM

“Come to the Water”

Foley

SERMON

“Is Water Always Just Water?”

Pastor Reed

#### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #306 (Green)      *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”*

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

“Quiet Song”

D. Paxton

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN #333 (Green)      “Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”

A LENTEN STATEMENT

*One: In the turning of shadow into light, of chaos into cosmos in that first creation, and every day's new creation,*

**Many: we travel within God's promise.**

*One: In the voice of prophets, calling us to turn about, from God's hurt towards God's healing, and move from wilderness to pasture,*

**Many: we travel within God's promise.**

*One: In the long forgiveness of God, ever remolding us, calling us anew to be renewed, from a lost generation to a saved generation,*

**Many: we travel within God's promise.**

*One: In the traveling through on the pilgrims way, letting go and letting God, in the cleansing of Lent,*

**Many: we travel within God's promise.**

*One: In the deep longing for rebirth, journeying towards dawn's light, from wilderness to tombs, from crosses to resurrection,*

**All: we travel, always within God's promise.**

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Andante”

J. Stanley

*(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

*Rudy Giannetti* (friend of Paula King)

*Matt Burch* (son-in-law of Suzanne McMillan)

*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)

*Joanna Wallace*

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.

## The Week of March 8, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	3/8/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	3/9/26	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm Board (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/10/26	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 Committee (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/11/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science(J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	3/12/26	8:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back Pop-Up Crafters (G) AA (J) FS 50 <sup>th</sup> Gala Planning Committee (G)
<b>Friday</b>	3/13/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	3/14/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	3/15/26	10:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm	Worship Irish Box Lunch at Coffee Hour 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 hosts today are Jeanne Pelletier, Karen Datlowe, and Peggie Bretz.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Henry and Laura Gray in love and care for Henry's father, Paul. They were arranged by Diane Juthe.
- ♦ **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.

**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, scan the QR code with your phone's camera or search "@WestParish" in the Venmo app.

Be sure to select "West Parish of Barnstable" under the charity profiles.

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

### **Church Staff**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
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