



THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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 AND EASTER GREETINGS

Pastor Reed Baer

BELL INTROIT

Processional on “Hallelujah”

M. Kelly

EASTER, ACCORDING TO PETER Acts 10:34-43 (N.I.V.)

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

* HYMN #182 (Red)

“*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*” vs. 1-4

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns

*One: Easter begins while it is still dark; Easter begins in despair. Our life, our hope, our love,
forever dead, shut tight in a dank tomb by a crushing stone.*

Many: Who will roll away the stone?

*One: Easter takes us by surprise, early in the morning, as we are going about the most
mundane of tasks.*

**Many: We find the stone has been rolled away, and we are alarmed – what does
this mean for us?**

*One: God is acting in our midst, to bring new life, to set us free from all that imprisons us – let
us rejoice and be glad in it!*

Many: For Christ the Lord is risen today!

PRELUDE

“Let the People Sing Hosanna”
Adult and Bell choirs

V. Johnson

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious Redeemer, we come to you in the morning of the resurrection. We expect to find you among the tombs and the grave clothes of the world, but you are *alive*. Sin cannot bind you; death cannot hold you. Just as we have been weeping and mourning that you have been taken from us, you meet us in the garden of new life and send us running to share the good news.

You are risen indeed, O Lord, and so we can believe that through grief there will come joy. 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.

ORDER FOR RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

Laura and Henry Gray
Eddie, Whitney and Otto

Hope Gray

Ellen and Frank Wolak

Suzanne McMillan

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us all unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God. Do you affirm your faith in God as your creator, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and light, and in the Holy Spirit as your strength and guide?

All: I do.

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

OWNING THE COVENANT

Pastor: Hear now the Covenant as it is affirmed and practiced in West Parish of Barnstable.

All: We solemnly and faithfully covenant together with God and one another to walk in all God's ways, honoring the past and embracing the future.

As a part of this covenant we vow to:

- love all in word and deed as Jesus teaches;
- openly welcome and affirm all persons;
- respect those with whom we differ and work toward reconciliation;
- work for peace and social and economic justice;
- participate in a Spirit-led outreach with the community and the world beyond;
- respond in our service, worship, and organization to the challenges of these times, as God guides us;
- engage with the wider Christian community and other faith traditions;
- respect and preserve God's earth.

This we so covenant, relying on the grace of God, the guidance of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Pastor: Do you so promise, covenant and agree?

Response of those joining: I do.

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

Pastor: Let us, the members of West Parish of Barnstable, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in Christ's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND COVENANT SIGNING

CHOIR ANTHEM

"A Jubilant Song"

M. L. Lightfoot

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

EASTER BY THE SEA

John 21:1-14

SOLO

"You Raise Me Up"

R. Loveland, B. Graham

EASTER MESSAGE

"Who Is This Man, And Why Is He Smiling?"

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN

“O Happy Day”

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day)
Oh, it's a happy day (Oh, happy day)

He taught me how (Oh, he taught me how)
To watch and pray
Watch and pray
And live rejoicing every day
Every day

Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day (Oh, happy day)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
Oh, when He washed (When Jesus washed)
When Jesus washed (When Jesus washed)
He washed my sins away (Oh, happy day)
Oh, happy day!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

BELL CHOIR ANTHEM

“The Greatest of These is Love”

L. Lamb

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

A RESPONSIVE PASTORAL PRAYER

One: God of new life, you are with us in this sacred space, in this sacred moment; as you are with all people in all times and places. God of liberty, hear our joyful cries of alleluia, for we need no longer look for you in death, the tomb is empty. We need no longer seek you in an empty tomb, you are alive. We witness you in life, abundant and beautiful life. Alleluia! And so this we pray, this we vow: Other may counsel resignation and despair,

Many: but we will be bringers of good news.

One: Others might sow discord and hatred,

Many: but we will be beacons of love.

One: Others might go through life bereft of joy,

Many: but we will be bearers of delight.

One: Relationships are often empty of peace, friendships might be torn apart by partisan wrangling,

Many: but we will demonstrate the ways of reconciliation.

One: Some might fill their emptiness with life-destroying behaviors,

Many: but we will provide evidence that there are alternative paths to fulfillment.

One: Others might turn their back of those who have empty stomachs and thirsty mouths,

Many: but we will find ways of providing nourishment.

One: Some people may be fearful of the future,

All: but we will hold before them the promise of peace. May we be a reflection of the compassion of Jesus. All so your abundant love can flow through all the world. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

*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

“La Rejouissance”

G.F. Handel

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord.**

**The life laid down, the life restored;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #187 (Red) “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

RESPONSIVE COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

One: We believe beyond all death, there is the eternity of life,

Many: and we SHALL live it!

One: Beyond darkness, there is a gathering of the light,

Many: and we shall SEE it!

One: Beyond the cross, there is the dance called resurrection,

Many: And we shall DANCE it!

One: Because the tomb is empty your life can be full,

so go into every place and every day as people brimming with the love of God.

Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, and faithful in deed.

Live for the risen Christ as Christ lives in you.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Handel

(It is our custom to remain in prayerful silence during the postlude,
but sing as the spirit moves you.)

* All who wish, please stand.

The children are invited to join together for an Easter Egg hunt following the service.

Please let them get out first or risk being trampled in the excitement!

Thank you to all our musical guests!

Thom Bober, trumpeter, baritone

Ryan Boland, trumpeter

John Murrelle, soloist/baritone

Katherine Morris-King, soprano

Catriona Morris-King, alto

The West Parish Adult and Bell Choirs



Easter Flowers



Steve & Mindy Abbott

in memory of Howard & Lois Abbott
and Frederick & Martha Strauss

Kim Augusta

in memory of Bob and Eleanor Augusta
Jason Meehan and Jimmy Augusta
Cheryl Murphy and Daryl Smith

Peggie Bretz

in memory of family and friends

Rik & Sandy Clark

in honor of our dear Framily

Rob & Susan Downey

in memory of Phyllis Downey (Rob's mom)

Paul & Lisa Fackler

in memory of Rose
in celebration of Henry Fackler Chen
in celebration of Chloe Fackler Chen

Gail a& Bill Fioretti

in memory of Karen Scott

Henry, Laura & Hope Gray

in honor of Paul Gray

Susan Jeghelian

in celebration of the joys of spring

Bobbie Jordan

in celebration of my great-grandsons

Toni & LeRoy Malouf

in celebration of family

Susan Moeller

in honor of Maeve's first Easter

Laura Murphy

in celebration of Jan & Tom

Liz Knox-Lupfer & Dan Lupfer in memory of our parents and grandparents

Kim & Jared Palmer

in memory of Ray & Shirley Palmer, Ruth Northrup,
Katie Fisher and Gordon Hampton



Peter & Betsy Smith	in memory of loved ones of both families
Bob & Shirley Stolte	in memory of Elizabeth & Alfred Hodgkins and Lucia & Albert Stolte
The Warrens	in memory of Phyllis Nocella
Marianne & Greg Williams	in memory of our parents: Howard, Constance, Max, Carmella, and Florence in memory of our siblings, Ken, Doug, and Sharon

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 Rich and Lauren Abraham)
Matt Burch (son-in-law of Suzanne McMillan)
Barbara Cameron
Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)
Rudy Giannetti (friend of Paula King)
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)
Jason Miller (Robin and Jim Miller' 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, leave a note, or stop on by.*

The Week of April 5, 2026

Sunday	4/5/26	10:00 am	Worship
		5:00 pm	Easter Egg Hunt AA (J)
Monday	4/6/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	4/7/26	11:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	Women in the Spirit at Pastor Christie's
Wednesday	4/8/26	9:00 am	FS Science(J)
		1:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		4:00 pm	FS Board (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	4/9/26	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/10/26	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	4/11/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/12/26	10:00 am	Worship
		5:00 pm	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 members of the Board of Deacons.
- ◆ **The 2026 Flower Calendar** is 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 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.

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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