

# 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

April 12, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve,  
was not with them when Jesus came.*

*So, the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.”*

*But he said to them,*

*“Unless I see the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”*

John 20:24-25

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 # 258 (Green)

*“Morning Has Broken”*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**Many: But we see him in the lives of those transformed by grace.**

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**Many: But we have seen him in the faces of everyone whose love encourages us.**

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

**Many: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.**

PRELUDE

*“Easter Joy”*

P. Benjamin

(based on EASTER HYMN and HYMN to JOY)

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, Lover of your children: the tomb has been opened, and we dance into your future. Your life has dawned on us, and we surround you with our praise. You reach out your hand, and lead us into joy.**

**Jesus Christ, Faithful Witness: you pick open the locked doors of our hearts and come in to be with us forever. You breathe peace into our souls, so we may bring healing to a troubled world.**

**Holy Spirit, Breath of Peace: you show us our hearts, so we may give love to others. You show us our hands, sending us to serve the needy. You show us**

your hope, so we may live in your joy.

God in Community, Holy in One, who is, who was, and who is to come, hear us as we pray as you have taught us:

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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE	John 20: 19-31	
SOLO	"Open My Eyes"	J. Manibusan
MESSAGE	Love the Questions	Pastor Christie Burns

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN # 204 (Green)      *"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"*

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	"Christ ist erstanden"	J.K.F. Fischer
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## 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](mailto:office@westparish.org), leave a note, or stop on by.*

## The Week of April 12, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	4/12/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	4/13/26	5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/14/26	11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) West Barnstable Festival Committee (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	4/15/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science(J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	4/16/26	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	4/17/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	4/18/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	4/19/26	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 altar today** were arranged by Gail Fioretti.
- ♦ **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**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
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