

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 19, 2026

10:00 a.m.

I am gratitude ...

Compassion is my middle name ...

Jesus works thru me.

-Sarah Wyatt's Haiku (Written for Bible Study)

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

Rev. Betsy Garland

*HYMN #213 (Green)

“On the Day of Resurrection”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Evil and death had their day and wielded their power; this day we celebrate the triumph of goodness and new life. By the grace and power of God, He is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Though love had seemed defeated, though events had suggested a divine desertion, this day we have reason to rejoice and to exult in our faith. By the grace and power of God, He is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed!

One: Christ is risen!

Many: May joy be ours this Easter season! Glory be to God!

PRELUDE

“Lord of the Dance”

UNISON PRAYER

We come before you, O God, in Easter joy, seeking to be a people of the resurrection. Be known among us; assure us of your presence, your love, and your renewing power. Through your Word and Spirit, reveal your purpose in our lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen -*Ruth Duck*

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.

ANTHEM

“You are Mine”

D. Haas, arr. M. Hayes

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

SOLO

“Because He Lives”

W. Gaither

MESSAGE

“When All Seems Lost”

Rev. Betsy Garland

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #212 (Green)

“Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us”

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

“Jesu, meine Freude”

J.G. Walther

*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 #231 (Green)

“There’s a Spirit in the Air”

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING

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

Many: We will go into every place and every day as people briming with the love of God.

One: Be graceful in spirit, hopeful in word, faithful in deed.

Many: ALLELUIA AND AMEN!

POSTLUDE

“Came Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

M. McDonald

tune: St. Kevin, A. Sullivan

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Thank you to the Rev. Betsy Aldrich Garland for leading us in worship today.

She is an ordained UCC minister who, with her partner Kim Baker, has been worshipping with us since her retirement from churches in Rhode Island last year. She has been leading our Bible Study with Pastor Reed, currently organized around John Fugelsang’s, “Separating Church from Hate.” We welcome Betsy to our pulpit again.

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 19, 2026

Sunday	4/19/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	4/20/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	4/21/26	11:00 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Finance (G) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	4/22/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	4/23/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/24/26	9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Stewardship (G) Knitting Group (J) AA (J)
Saturday	4/25/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/26/26	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 hosts today are Liz Knox-Lupfer and Dan Lupfer.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the altar today** were given by Robin Fryer in memory of Paul Jaquay. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ◆ **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.

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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.

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