

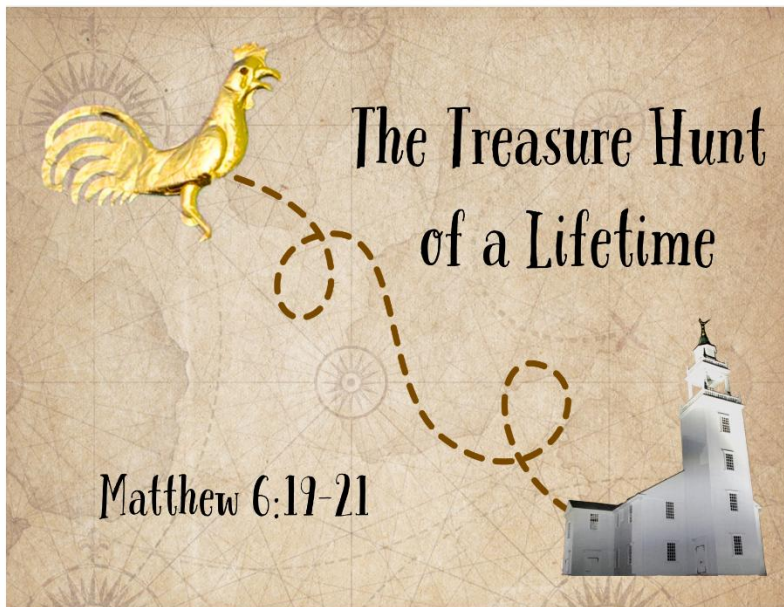
# West Parish of Barnstable

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

4th Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.”*

Matthew 6:19-20

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 #54 (Green)

*“For the Beauty of the Earth”*

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Come, people of God, to know again who you are. Return to the One who gives you life.*

**Many: We come as children of God, longing for a closer walk with our Creator.**

*One: Today, salvation is offered to all who will receive it, gifts of healing and new life to all who will accept them.*

**Many: We dare to open our lives to God, to claim the wholeness God intends for us.**

*One: Those called by Christ are commissioned to serve; all who receive forgiveness are to live God's love.*

**Many: We receive God's gifts to strengthen us and to equip us to reach out in love to others.**

*One: Let this be the theme of all our worship, the love of God, our motivation to serve.*

**All: We come with joy, expecting to be renewed: eager to be a channel of God's blessing.**

PRELUDE

Adagio

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

### 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.

ANTHEM

“We Are Called”

D. Haas, arr. M. Hayes

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:16-21

SOLO

“Wordless Song Within the Waters”

A. Fedak

SERMON

“The Treasure Hunt of A Lifetime”

Pastor Reed

**THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS**

\*HYMN #454 (Green)      *“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

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

Marianne Williams

*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

Meditation on *Beach Spring*

Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\*HYMN #474 (Green)

*“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”*

### RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

*One: Stirred, encouraged, and called out by the Spirit of Life, go into this new week attuned to new possibilities for the making of love and justice and peace within the world.*

**Many: We go in the peace of God, the love of Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit.**

**All: Amen.**

### POSTLUDE

Chaconne in Ancient Style

Robert J. Powell (1932-2026)

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

\* All who wish, please stand.

Thank you to Charlene Higbe for being our substitute music director today.

## 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 26, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	4/26/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	4/27/26	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Council (G) AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/28/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	4/29/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	4/30/26	3:15 pm 5:00 pm	J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	5/1/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (J) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	5/2/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	5/3/26	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 given by Dan Lupfer and Liz Knox-Lupfer in celebration of their anniversary. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ◆ **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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