

# *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**

7th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“Jesus stood up and spoke to her.  
‘Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?’”*

John 8:10 The Message

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 #7 (Green)

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Christ is risen!*

**Many: Christ is risen indeed!**

*One: Come, let us gather once again, this Seventh Sunday of Easter, to hear the Good News of  
God’s mighty deeds for our salvation.*

**Many: May we have open hearts, ready to listen eagerly for the Word of God.**

*One: Come, let the gathered Body of Christ gather for praise and prayer and song,*

**Many: That the risen Christ might be present in and among us, bestowing the  
peace which passes all human understanding.**

PRELUDE

“River Flows in You”

Yiruma

UNISON PRAYER

**God, in Jesus Christ you have made love known to us in new and wonderful  
ways, and you call us to love one another.**

**Jesus calls us friends, and calls us to be friends with one another.**

**Teach us to love.**

**Teach us to be friends, that we might take hold of the life that really is life.**

**We pray in the name of our friend, Jesus Christ. 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.**

THE COMPASSIONATE COLLECTIVE

Alycia Williams

ANTHEM

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

S. Temple

**THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED**

SCRIPTURE

John 8:1-11

SOLO

“Grateful”

J. Bucchino

MESSAGE

“Before You Judge -  
Choosing Compassion in Our Community”

Alycia Williams

**THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS**

\*HYMN #376 (Green)

“*Help Us Accept Each Other*”

choir v.1, all v. 2-4

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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Robin Fryer

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

“O Jesus, Grant Us Hope and Comfort”

J. W Frank

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Bob Gardiner

**From all that dwell the earth around  
Let thanks and praise, O God, resound.  
Receive these humble gifts, we pray;  
Let them your love, and ours, display. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**

\*HYMN #463 (Green)      *“Christian Rise and Act Your Creed”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE                                      *“Rondeau”*                                      J.J. Mouret  
*(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

*The Atsalis Family* (friends of Rich & Lauren Abraham)  
*Lily McCardle* (granddaughter of Elaine & Stephen Bartlett)

*Christopher Allen* (Carol & David Allen's grandson)  
*Matt Burch* (son-in-law of Suzanne McMillan)  
*Pat Clark* (family of Rik and Sandy Clark)  
*Emy and Yessica* (friends of Christie Burns)  
*Rudy Giannetti* (friend of Paula King)  
*Donna Grohe*  
*Tripp Grohe*  
*Sarah and Cody Hudspeth* (Sharon Hunt's niece & 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 & 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 May 17, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	5/17/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	5/18/26	8:30 am-2:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Pre-K Parent Conferences (G) AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	5/19/26	8:30 am-2:00 pm 11:00 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Pre-K Parent Conferences (G) Choir Rehearsal (M) Finance (G & Z) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/20/26	8:30 am-2:00 pm 9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Pre-K Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	5/21/26	8:30 am-2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due Pre-K Parent Conferences (G) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	5/22/26	8:30 am-2:00 pm 9:00 am 9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Pre-K Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Stewardship Committee (G) Knitting Group (M) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	5/23/26	10:00 am 4:30 pm	FS CPR Training (J) Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	5/24/26	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 Susan and Bob Downey.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the altar today** were given by Jeanne Pelletier in honor of Katherine Pelletier. They were arranged by Diane Juthe.
- ◆ **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

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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.

### **Church Staff**

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