

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

June 21, 2026

10:00 a.m.

“Nothing is more powerful than meekness. For as fire is extinguished by water, so a mind inflated by anger is subdued by meekness.”
- Saint John Chrysostom

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”
-James Baldwin

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Saturday School is off for the summer.

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. Robert Naylor

A MOMENT OF REFLECTION ON FATHER'S DAY AND JUNETEENTH

*HYMN #60 (Green) "This Is My Father's World"

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest."

All: We come—tired, hopeful, burdened, and open.

One: Not because we have it all together—

All: but because grace always welcomes us in.

One: We come to be comforted, challenged, changed...

All: by hearing God's Word and being together in this community of love!

One: Let us lay down what weighs us down— let us humble ourselves.

All: And worship the One who can make a way out of no way!

PRELUDE

"Come Sunday"

Duke Ellington

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious and righteous Lord, inspire us to love beyond our differences and to embrace one another as brothers and sisters. Help us to reject division and strife, and to pursue reconciliation and peace in all that we say and do. Teach us to listen with open hearts and humble spirits. May our unity glorify You and bring healing to a fractured world. Guide our actions and decisions toward justice for all. Give us the courage to speak a righteous word in the face of untruths. Instill in us the gentle strength of 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 WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SOLO

“The Prayer” with “Lead Us Lord”

C. Sager, D. Foster, arr. T. Fettke

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:3,5,9 - 11:28-29; Colossians 3:1-4, 12-14

*HYMN #467 (Green) “I Am Going to Live So God Can Use Me”

SERMON

“JC’s MMA / UFC!”

The Rev. Bob Naylor

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #470 (Green) “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

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

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Chisholm/Runyan, arr. G. Howlitt

*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

“Glory, Glory Hallelujah!”

**Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down.
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Since I laid my burdens down!**

**Friends don't treat me like they used to
Since I laid my burdens down.
Friends don't treat me like they used to
Since I laid my burdens down!**

**I'm goin' home to live with Jesus
Since I laid my burdens down.
I'm goin' home to live with Jesus
Since I laid my burdens down!**

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Faith of Our Fathers”

tune ST CATHERINE

F. Faber

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Thank you to Rev. Bob Naylor for leading us in worship today.

Bob Naylor has preached at West Parish on numerous occasions. He has served churches in Danbury, Simsbury, and Greenwich, CT. He also served in UCC Conference and National Staff ministries. He is the author of the Pilgrim Press, *What Church Leaders Really Need to Know*. He is the lead consultant with a church and clergy consulting and coaching ministry, In Church Imagining. He lives with his “true” Congregationalist wife, Gretchen, in Mashpee.

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)
The Atsalis Family (friends of Rich & Lauren Abraham)
The Family of Pat Clark (family of Rik & Sandy Clark)
Judy Crawford (Robin Fryer's friend)
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)
Dave & Barbara Kern (friends of Joanna Wallace)
Beverly Lipson-Ketchen (Greg Ketchen's sister)
Sue Maki (Joanna Wallace's friend)
Lily McCardle (granddaughter of Elaine & Stephen Bartlett)
Jason Miller (Robin & Jim Miller's son)
Greg Opp (family member of Bobbie Jordan)
Randy Parker
Carol Polidoro
Betsy Sinnigen
Gary Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlowe)
Joanna Wallace
Bryan Welch (Rik & Sandy Clark's grandson-in-law)

*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 June 21, 2026

Sunday	6/21/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	6/22/26	10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Annual Reports Due Council (G) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	6/23/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	6/24/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	6/25/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	6/26/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	6/27/26		
Sunday	6/28/26	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Annual Meeting (M) 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 Robin Fryer and family.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the altar today** were given by Kim and Jared Palmer in celebration of their anniversary. They were arranged by Susan Jeghelian.
- ◆ **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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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.

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