

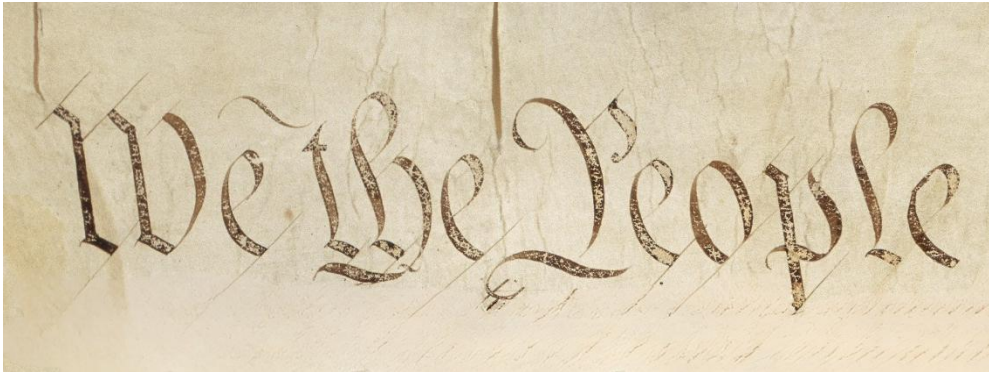
West Parish of Barnstable

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

6th Sunday after Pentecost

A Commemoration of the 250th Anniversary of this Nation's Founding

July 5, 2026

10:00 a.m.

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union...."

The preamble of the Constitution of the United States

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Our Saturday service and Saturday School are off until September.

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

WELCOME

Pastor Reed Baer

*HYMN #531 (Green)

*“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”
An ode to a sweet land of liberty*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Calling all citizens of heaven: exiled dreamers and disciples of love,

All: God is close to the outcast and faithful to all.

One: Calling all pilgrims of the Spirit, carried by the winds of hope,

All: God is everywhere at all times, compassionate to all.

One: Calling all travelers between worlds, who translate compassion into peace,

All: God makes neighbors of strangers and kin of the forgotten.

One: Come to worship and be renewed for this long journey.

All: Strangers in a strange land, we have come to worship the creator of all.

PRELUDE

“God of Our Fathers” G. Warren, arr. M. McDonald

Ring the Bells for Freedom

by Rev. Dr. Chris Davies

*One: Ring the Bells for Freedom! Ring for hope, for joy; ring for the dream of our forbearers
and the liberation of our children. Ring the bells!*

All: Ring for Freedom!

*One: Ring the bells for those that have fallen in the name of the dream. Those who held the
candle on the shore, inviting more; the city on the hill built to demonstrate the Way. Ring the
bells!*

All: Ring the bells for Freedom!

*One: Ring the bells for those who came, and those who come, seeking the dream: The tired, the
poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free. Ring the bells!*

All: Ring for Freedom!

One: Ring the bells for dreams deferred, placed asunder and left to wander. Ring the bells for when freedom has been distant. Ring to witness the stoney road, the bitter rod, the moments where hope couldn't be. Ring with the harmonies of liberty. Ring the Bells!

All: Ring the bells for Freedom!

One: Ring the bells for those who were here before the colonies. Ring the bells for the neighbors who were not asked, not invited, not included in the dream. Ring the bells until the dream is wide enough to hold them. Ring the Bells!

All: Ring for Freedom!

One: Ring for those who do not know freedom today. Those incarcerated, in internment camps, or confined without consent. Ring for the hope that there WILL be a day when all people are free!

All: Ring the bells for Freedom!

One: Ring for those who fought and continue to fight for our freedom. Ring for those who paid a price beyond comparison for the lives we lead today. Ring the bells in honor and witness!

All: Ring for Freedom!

One: Ring the bells for those who love this country enough to tell the truth about it. Those who fight for the dignity of all, the future of who we can be, with liberty and justice for all, where all may be free.

All: Ring for Freedom!

One: Ring the bells that we may hold these truths to be self-evident, that all people are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. Ring the bells, that we may join together, BECAUSE of our faith, to ring the bells and work for liberation, in the footsteps of those that came before, holding the wide welcome, loving our neighbors, and following Jesus Christ in the best way that we know how. Ring the Bells!

All: Ring the Bells for Freedom!

FREDERICK SPEAKS

A Poem by Robin Joyce Miller

MEDITATION

“A Sweet Land of Liberty – for all?”

Pastor Reed

*HYMN #530 (Green) “Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

MEDITATION “Remember the Ladies”

*HYMN (insert) “Of Women, and of Women’s Hopes We Sing”

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.

MEDITATION “Our On-going Charge for a More Perfect Union”

SOLO “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

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 “The Rejoicing” Handel

*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

RITE OF FAREWELL for Sarah Wyatt

*HYMN #345 (Green) *“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“You'll Never Walk Alone”* Rodgers/Hammerstein

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

* All who wish, please stand.

All are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the service.

Thanks to our guest soloist, Ella Avable.

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 July 5, 2026

Sunday	7/5/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship AA (J) Hyannis Sound (M)
Monday	7/6/26	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Music (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	7/7/26	11:00 am 5:00 pm	Funeral (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	7/8/26	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Board(G) AA (J)
Thursday	7/9/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	7/10/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	7/11/26		
Sunday	7/12/26	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 Annual Meeting for fellowship and refreshments.**
Our hosts today are Annie Taber and John Linhares.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are in celebration of the wedding of Zoe Pelletier and Zachary Irvin. They were given by Jeanne Pelletier.
- ♦ **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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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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