

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 after Pentecost

July 12, 2026

10:00 a.m.

“Gimme that old-time religion, it’s good enough for me.”

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

Pastor Reed Baer

*HYMN

"Gimme That Old Time Religion"

Refrain: Gimme that old time religion
Gimme that old time religion
Gimme that old time religion
It's good enough for me.

It was good for the Hebrew children
It was good for the Hebrew children
It was good for the Hebrew children
It's good enough for me.

Refrain

It was good for dad and mother
It was good for dad and mother
It was good for dad and mother
And it's good enough for me.

Refrain

It will take us all to heaven
It will take us all to heaven
It will take us all to heaven
It's good enough for me.

Refrain

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, we come here this summer morning remembering, and longing for, that old-time religion.

Many: Sometimes we just long for a little sunshine in the soul, for that mythic church in the wildwood, for that sanctuary of rest beside the still water.

One: And we remember that people of faith down the ages are as varied as we are:

Many: There were those like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist, people with vision;

One: those like Job, Thomas, and the woman at the Samaritan well, people with questions;

Many: those like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary, people with self-doubt;

One: those like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen, people with courage;

Many: those like Rebekah and Samuel, Esther and Ruth, Martha and Priscilla, Peggie and Matt and Susan and Rich and Bobbie, people with a part to play in the story of faith.

One: Let us worship together.

PRELUDE

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. M. McDonald

SCRIPTURE The 23rd Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

MEDITATION

"Your Own Church in the Wildwood"

SOLO

"The Church in the Wildwood"

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:12-15

MEDITATION

"The Age-Old Waters of Healing"

*HYMN

"I Went Down to the River to Pray"

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sisters let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
Come on brothers let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sinners let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sinners let's go down,
Down to the river to pray.

As I went down to the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

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

*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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

African Amer. Spiritual, arr. P. King

*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

*HYMN (insert)

"Standing on the Promises" vs. 1, 2

SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 2:8-15

MEDITATION

"The Jordan is the Ohio"

*HYMN (insert)

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING

Mary Luti, *Emerge*

One: Our worship has ended, but its gifts remain;

Many: Tuck its praise inside you. Take its goodness with you.

One: Drink from its wells of lasting peace. Live by its light, its courage and grace, and don't be afraid.

Many: Seek to serve. In plenty or want, find ways to share.

One: Discern the truth and tell it, resist all wrong and don't be afraid.

Many: Regard all people as your people.

One: In hard times and good, take care of yourself, take care of your people, and don't be afraid.

**All: And may the blessing of God, our life,
the friendship of Christ, our healer,
and the daring of the Spirit, our truth,
be ours today, and every day to come. Amen!**

SOLO

"Revive Us Again"

John Murelle

* All who wish, please stand.

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

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Refrain

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home;

swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,
2. If you get there be - fore I do,
3. I'm some - times up, I'm some - times down,
4. The bright - est day that I can say,

com-ing for to car-ry me home? A band of an - gels
com-ing for to car-ry me home; tell all my friends I'm
com-ing for to car-ry me home; but still my soul feels
com-ing for to car-ry me home; when Je - sus washed my

com-ing af - ter me, com-ing for to car-ry me home.
com-ing too, com-ing for to car-ry me home.
heav-en - ly bound, com-ing for to car-ry me home.
sins a - way, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

WORDS: Afro-American spiritual (2 Kg. 2:11)

MUSIC: Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and arr. by William Farley Smith, 1987

SWING LOW

10 8.10 8 with Refrain

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fail,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Refrain

Stand - ing, stand - ing,
Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

This system contains the first two measures of the refrain. The vocal line (treble clef) features a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note Bb4 in the first measure, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note Bb4 in the second measure. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of eighth notes: G3, A3, Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4 in the first measure, and G3, A3, Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4 in the second measure.

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

This system contains the third and fourth measures. The vocal line continues with eighth notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5 in the third measure, and G5, F5, E5, D5, C5, Bb4, A4, G4 in the fourth measure. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth notes: G3, A3, Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4 in the third measure, and G3, A3, Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4 in the fourth measure.

stand - ing, stand - ing,
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

This system contains the fifth and sixth measures. The vocal line features a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note Bb4 in the fifth measure, followed by a half note G4, a half note A4, and a half note Bb4 in the sixth measure. The piano accompaniment consists of eighth notes: G3, A3, Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4 in the fifth measure, and G3, A3, Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4 in the sixth measure.

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

This system contains the seventh and eighth measures. The vocal line continues with eighth notes: G4, A4, Bb4, C5, D5, E5, F5, G5 in the seventh measure, and G5, F5, E5, D5, C5, Bb4, A4, G4 in the eighth measure. The piano accompaniment continues with eighth notes: G3, A3, Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4 in the seventh measure, and G3, A3, Bb3, C4, D4, E4, F4, G4 in the eighth measure.

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

Bart Chase (friend of Rik Clark)

Chuck Wildman

Bob Gimby

Corinne Lilie

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)

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Call 508-362-4445, email office@westparish.org, leave a note, or stop on by.*

The Week of July 12, 2026

Sunday	7/12/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	7/13/26	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Music (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	7/14/26	5:00 pm 6:45 pm	AA (J) WB Festival Committee (G)
Wednesday	7/15/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	7/16/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	7/17/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	7/18/26		
Sunday	7/19/26	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 host today is Ted Gould.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are in celebration of Van and Wendy Northcross' 42nd anniversary. 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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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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