

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

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2026

10:00 a.m.

"The waves of the sea help me get back to me." Jill Davis

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

*“Crashing Waters at Creation”***

**Crashing waters at creation ordered by the Spirit’s breath,
First to witness day’s beginning from the brightness of night’s death.**

**Parting water stood and trembled as the captives passed on through,
Washing off the chains of bondage – channel to a life made new.**

**Cleansing water once at Jordan closed around the One foretold,
Opened to reveal the glory ever new and ever old.**

**Living water, never ending, quench the thirst and flood the soul.
drench our dryness, make us whole.**

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: This is the day that God has made. Let us rejoice, giving thanks for the newness of life
offered to us.*

**Many: We are glad for warmth, for green grass, for flowers, for dunes and seas,
for gentle raindrops on our faces.**

*One: On this day of hope and new life, we are reminded that in the beginning, the Spirit of God
moved across the waters,*

Many: out of chaos, creating enough order that there can be life,

One: keeping enough disorder that the living might evolve, adapt, change.

Many: Christ, Living Water, renew us as we worship together!

PRELUDE

“Meditation on ‘Melita’”

J. Dukes, arr. Lani Smith

UNISON PRAYER

**Creator of the land, the sky, the water, come and renew the face of the
whole earth.**

Savior of the world, touch us in the power of your new creation, that we might hold in reverence the creation you have given.

God of sparrow and wild flowers, of striper and alewife and whale, open our eyes to the interconnectedness of all things.

Renew us, refresh us, re-focus us, that the whole earth might be truly blessed by our hard work and joyful living, by your presence, and by ours.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together saying

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.

BLUE MIND "A Substitute for pistol and ball" from *Moby Dick* Greg Williams

MUSICAL INTERLUDE "Out on the Ocean" & "The Killaloe Boat"

Irish tunes on tin whistle

BLUE MIND various readings

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE 23rd Psalm

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³ He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ 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.

⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶ 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.

MESSAGE

"Blue Mind"

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #426 (Green)

“I’ve Got Peace Like a River”
(A reminder: we sing each verse twice)

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

Michael, Row the Boat Ashore

*SONG OF PRAISE

Praise God for love we all may share

Praise God for beauty everywhere

Praise God for hope of good to be

Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ’s presence.
We will celebrate communion by intinction; come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and consume it on the way back to your seat. If you would prefer to be served where you sit, raise your hand and the deacons will come to you.
For those who prefer, please take the packaged communion-to-go.
(We offer a gluten-free, wheat-free alternative – in the plastic bags – for those whose diet so requires. We serve cranberry juice out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol.)

INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you gracious God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for the witness we

cannot forget and the mission of justice you have made your own. Give us the gifts of the Holy Communion; oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #535 (Green) "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Add in after verse 3 this verse dedicated to the Coast Guard:

**Eternal Father, Lord of hosts,
Watch o'er all those who guard our coasts
Protect them from the raging seas
And give them light and life and peace.
Grant them from thy great throne above
The shield and shelter of thy love.**

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!**

POSTLUDE

"Allegro Energico"

C. Cappelen, arr. M. Williams

(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.

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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)
Chuck Conway
Judy Crawford (Robin Fryer's friend)
Ella Curtis (Carol Allen's grand-niece)
Emy and Yessica (friends of Christie Burns)
Robin Fryer
Rudy Giannetti (friend of Paula King)
Bob Gimby
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)
Corinne Lilie
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
Bart Stevens (friend of Carol Allen)
Gary Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Marvin Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)
Roy Urbach (friend of Karen Datlowe)
Joanna Wallace
Nick Wallace (friend of the Allen family)
Chuck Wildman

*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 August 2, 2026

Sunday	8/2/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	8/3/26	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Music (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	8/4/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	8/5/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	8/6/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	8/7/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	8/8/26		
Sunday	8/9/26	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 Laura Murphy.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given by Robin Fryer in memory of loved ones. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Coffee Hour Hosts needed.** If you can spare some of your time to help at Coffee Hour, it would be greatly appreciated. It's a wonderful way to socialize with old friends and to make new ones. The Coffee Hour Host signup sheet is on the board next to the kitchen pass thru window in Jenkins Hall. Thank you. *ps Ted Gould will have the room set up and the coffee brewing.*

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.

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