

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

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

10:00 a.m.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power; put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil, for our struggle is not against blood and flesh but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places."

Ephesians 6:10-12

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 #427 (Green) *“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Today we come: like Abraham and Sarah,

Many: people with vision.

One: We come, like Job and Thomas and the woman at the Samaritan well,

Many: people with questions.

One: We come, like Moses and Mary,

Many: people with self-doubts.

One: We come, like Joshua and Deborah,

Many: people with courage.

One: We come, like Hagar and the Syrophoenician woman,

Many: people with wisdom from the margins.

One: We come, like Robin and Matthew, Bobbie and Annie, Laura and Henry,

Many: people with a part to play in the story of faith.

PRELUDE

“Revive Us Again”

J. Husband, arr. M. Hayes

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, who creates, sustains, and redeems all life, we come seeking
your disturbing presence and comforting peace.**

We praise you for the joy of being your people.

May your Spirit be with us, and move within us, in this time of worship.

**Give us hearts that hear your Word, and minds that are open to the
transforming power of your love.**

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.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE “The Summons” KELINGROVE, arr. Mark Hayes

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Esther 4:14; Ephesians 6:10-18

MESSAGE “Faith For Such a Time As This” Robin Miller

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #590 (Green) “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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 “Interlude in Eb Major” A. Guilmant

*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

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #420 (Green) *“In the Morning When I Rise”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (Fughette)” J. Pachelbel
(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.

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 9, 2026

Sunday	8/9/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	8/10/26	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Music (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	8/11/26	5:00 pm 6:45 pm	AA (J) W. Barnstable Festival Comm. (G)
Wednesday	8/12/26	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	8/13/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	8/14/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	8/15/26	10:00 am-2:00 pm	Art Show (M)
Sunday	8/16/26	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** were arranged 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.
- ♦ **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

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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.

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