

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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

10:00 a.m.

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death.”

1 Corinthians 15:26

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 #258 (Green)

“Morning Has Broken”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, morning has broken on this new day, and so we gather to worship God.

**Many: On this mid-summer’s morning, we have come seeking comfort,
inspiration, community and insight.**

One: We have come to open ourselves to the power of God’s presence in our midst.

**Many: We have come to offer up the seasons and turnings in our lives, and to
ask God’s help in our learning and growing.**

PRELUDE

“We’re Marching to Zion”

R. Lowery, arr. M. Hayes

A RESPONSIVE READING OF THE 23RD PSALM

One: We start with God in the third person:

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.

Many: Then we turn to God in the second person:

**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.**

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, as a gentle rain soaks the earth, may your peace and love fall
upon us, bringing growth and life. Soak into our innermost being. Quiet all**

that makes us anxious. Help us to linger in your presence, and send us out refreshed, to carry your peace to others.

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 "He Lives" (I Serve a Risen Savior)

Solo:

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hands of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

All:

**He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.**

Solo:

Rejoice, Rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

All:

**He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
Along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart.**

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Romans 15:1-2, 12-26 The Message

MESSAGE “Getting Personal About Resurrection” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #401 (Green) “Amazing Grace” v.1,3,5

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 “Agape” J. Tidwell

*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 #493 (Green) “In the Bulb There Is A Flower”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE “Fantasia on Duke Street” (I Know that my Redeemer Lives)
arr. D. Paxton

(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:*

New to the Prayer List

Peggy Nelson

Karen & Judy (from Minuteman Press)

Tad DeMarco (Robin Fryer's brother)

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 16, 2026

Sunday	8/16/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	8/17/26	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Music (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	8/18/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	8/19/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	8/20/26	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
Friday	8/21/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Last Day of Family School Summer Program Knitting Group (G) AA (J) Violinist Ilana Zaks-Nederlander (M)
Saturday	8/22/26		
Sunday	8/23/26	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 hosts today are Sharon and Bob Wyman.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are sponsored by Susan Spurling in memory of her son, George. They 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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If you would like your donation to go toward something specific such as "Deacons Fund", just note that in the description.

Church Staff

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