

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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.

In today's scripture, Paul urges us not to be conformed to the world's standards, but to be transformed and renewed by God's will. Is there an area of your life that is in need to transformation and renewal?

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP “Kum ba Yah”

Kum ba Yah my Lord, Kum ba Yah...

Someone's crying...

Someone's singing...

Someone's praying...

WELCOME

Rev. Betsy Garland

HYMN #363 (Green) *"In the Midst of New Dimensions"*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: These days, when slippery words and shaded truths are commonplace,

Many: We gather to proclaim the honest good news of God's love for all persons.

One: These days, when global divisions about and internal stresses take their toll,

Many: We gather to share a faith that is the source of healing and serenity.

One: These days when the demands for justice and commitment and compassion are great,

**Many: We gather to strengthen ourselves and one another for the tasks of
being a servant people.**

One: All thanks to God for gathering us as the church.

**Many: This day we shall strive to proclaim, to share and to strengthen our
faith in the Way of Jesus.**

PRELUDE

"Gather Us In"

M. Haugen, piano arr. J. Cotter (for piano solo prelude)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God,

We confess that we are conformed to this world.

We conform to the world's frantic pace,

Leader: God's grace is sufficient for all. That which we regret is redeemed and we are given the courage to live new lives. Thanks be to God! -*Maren Tirabassi*

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.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

MESSAGE “Be Transformed” Rev. Betsy Garland

*HYMN #594 (Green) “Come, We Who Love God’s Name”
(We’re Marching to Zion)

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

“The Bass with a Tierce”

L. Chaumont

*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 #494 (Green)

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING

*One: Let us covenant together that we shall not rest until God’s reign of righteousness is
realized on earth as it is in heaven.*

**Many: We shall not seek the illusory comfort of easy answers but will do the
hard work of seeking God’s will with each new decision.**

*One: We shall not succumb to the false Gospel of individualism but shall pursue shalom, the
hope of justice for all God’s people.*

**Many: We shall not be seduced by the appeal of nationalism but shall consider
ourselves citizens of an order ruled by the Way of Jesus to whom belongs all
honor and glory, authority and power, world without end. Amen**

POSTLUDE

“The Golden Trumpet”

L. Smith

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Thank you to the Reverend Betsy Aldrich Garland for leading us in worship today.

She is an ordained UCC minister who, with her partner Kim Baker, has been worshipping with us since her retirement from churches in Rhode Island last year. She has been leading our Bible Study with Pastor Reed, and currently she is creating a curriculum for the fall to appeal to those new to the Bible as well as those who have been studying it for years. We welcome Betsy to our pulpit again.

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)
Tad DeMarco (Robin Fryer's brother)
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)
Karen & Judy (from Minuteman Press)
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)
Peggy Nelson
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 23, 2026

Sunday	8/23/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	8/24/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	BUILDING CLOSED – No water AA (M) AA (M)
Tuesday	8/25/26	5:00 pm	BUILDING CLOSED – No water AA (M)
Wednesday	8/26/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	8/27/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Professional Dev. (G) Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	8/28/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	8/29/26		
Sunday	8/30/26	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 Susan and Rob Downey.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given by Susan Downey for her daughter's loss of her baby. They were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- ♦ **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.

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