

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2026

10:00 a.m.

"It is not the answer that enlightens, but the question." - Eugene Ionesco

*"It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool
than to open it and remove all doubt." - Mark Twain*

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Saturday Church School will return on September 12.

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

*HYMN #51 (Green) “All Creatures of Our God, Now Sing”

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Robert Naylor

One: From amid the rush of life and its daily pressures.....

Many: We come to seek a Spirit that can calm our souls.

One: From amid the noise and the competing voices calling for our attention....

Many: We come to attentively listen for your soothing, yet, challenging Word.

**Come, Lord, come and whisper your soul calming wisdom to us so that we
might speak of your goodness to all the world!**

PRELUDE

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

arr. A. L. Page

UNISON PRAYER

(A prayer adapted from Bob’s dear friend, the Rev. Dr. Ted Loder – RIP)

Teach me Your ways, Lord,

that I may praise You

for all the surprising, ingenious ways You bless me,

and for all the wondrous gifts You give me,

along with all the pain and joy I sustain.

Teach me Your ways, Lord,

that I may love Your kindness

and practice it toward the hungry of the world,

the poor and sick, and oppressed,

that I may learn the healing humility that comes from You.

Teach me Your ways, Lord,

so that my heart is flooded with Your mercy—

emptying it of what makes it firmly opposed to Your ways,

so that it beats more in rhythm with You
and pounds greatly for Your kingdom. Amen.

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.

SOLO “Draw near, all ye people” “Lord God of Abraham” from “Elijah”
F. Mendelssohn

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Luke 20:27-38

MESSAGE “Having the Right Answers to the Really Important Question!”
Rev. Naylor

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN # 472 (Green) “I Would Be True”

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	"O Mio Babbino Caro" (Earl Marryat on piano)	G. Puccini
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*SONG OF PRAISE

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord.
The life laid down, the life restored;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #500 (Green)

“O For a World”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Fanfare on Duke Street”

J. Hatton, arr. J. Dixon

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Those arriving late may be seated during hymns and musical responses.

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

Annie Taber

Deb Willis Bry (Sue McEwen's friend)

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 30, 2026

Sunday	8/30/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	8/31/26	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Professional Dev. (J) FS Meet the Teachers (J & FS) AA (M) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/1/26	5:00 pm	FIRST DAY OF FAMILY SCHOOL AA (M)
Wednesday	9/2/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	9/3/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	9/4/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	9/5/26		
Sunday	9/6/26	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.** Today we are celebrating those with June, July, and August birthdays.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given by Kim & Jared Palmer in memory of Ry and Shirley Palmer. They were arranged by Kenyon Gregoire.
- ♦ **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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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 like "Deacons", just note that in the description.

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