

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

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“Take what belongs to you and go;
I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.”*

Matthew 20:14

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Saturday School is offered for our children and youth at our 4:30 Saturday service.

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 #327 (Green) *"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"*

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are summoned here by our holy God, who calls us each by name, and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

People: From our homes we come, from breakfast dishes and morning television, from the Cape Cod Times and video game players, called into God's presence.

One: This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people: unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts. Come. Let us worship together.

PRELUDE

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" J. Wyeth, arr. L. Pratt

UNISON PRAYER

Lord Jesus, give us the grace, even if only for a little while on Sunday, to catch a glimpse of the world as you see it. In our judgements, help us to measure ourselves and others as you judge us.

Give us the vision that is able to see the presence of God in the little things of life, to wonder at the sacred worth of those the world considers to be of little value.

Help us, even for just a little while on Sunday, to see as you see, to think as you think, to judge as you judge. 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Celine James Gustafson

Daughter of Meredith and Nathan Gustafson

Sister of Brooks and Halle

WELCOME

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSOR JACK GUSTAFSON

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

One: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

All: We promise our love, support and care.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

ANTHEM	“Come to the Waters”	P. Jones
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SCRIPTURE	Matthew 20:1-16
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MESSAGE	“The New Math”	Pastor Reed
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THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #445 (Green)	“Be Thou My Vision”
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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 SOLO

“Wade in the Water”

arr. M. Hayes

*SONG OF PRAISE

Bob Gardiner

**From all that dwell the earth around
Let thanks and praise, O God, resound.
Receive these humble gifts, we pray;
Let them your love, and ours, display. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #306 (Green) “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“Father of Heaven, Whose Love Profound”

J. Duro, tune “Rivaulx,” J. Dykes

(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

Gracie Delgado (daughter of Sue McEwen's friend)

Jessica (Bobbie Jordan's niece)

Christopher Allen (Carol & David Allen's grandson)

The Atsalis Family (friends of Rich & Lauren Abraham)

Deb Willis Bry (Sue McEwen's friend)

Chuck Conway

Judy Crawford (Robin Fryer's friend)

Ella Curtis (Carol Allen's grandniece)

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)

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)

Annie Taber

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 September 13, 2026

Sunday	9/13/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/14/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/15/26	11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:45 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) W. Barnstable Festival Committee (G)
Wednesday	9/16/26	9:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Thursday	9/17/26		Rooster Crows Articles Due
		10:00 am	Bible Study Binder Prep (J)
		10:00 am	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J)
		4:00 pm	Finance (G)
		4:00 pm	Webb/Jenkins Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	9/18/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) Webb/Jenkins Wedding (M) AA (J) Cape Cod & The American Revolution (M)
Saturday	9/19/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/20/26	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 Sue Spurling.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given by Kim & Jared Palmer in celebration of Kim's birthday. They were arranged by Diane Juthe.
- ♦ **The 2026 Flower Calendar is almost full!** There are two dates left open October 4th and November 29th. Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the flowers this year. 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. Please put your full name on the sign up. Don't make Susan guess. Thank you. *ps Ted Gould will have the room set up and the coffee brewing.*
- ♦ **Signing Up** A gentle reminder to please use your full name when signing up for Flower sponsorship or Coffee Hour. There are quite a few folks with the same first name and Susan in the office does not know everyone's handwriting.

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.

Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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