

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

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026

10:00 a.m.

“And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.”

Mark 1:12

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

Pastor Reed Baer

*HYMN #67 (Green)

“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In wilderness and wild places, in groans and breath, in lonely spaces, in birth and rebirth, in fire and flame, in pain and joy, beyond familiar places, encounter the Holy.

Many: We gather in this place, separated from our usual spaces, to wonder, laugh, and maybe even cry, to discover and to hope, to meet God here among us.

PRELUDE

“Experience”

L. Einaudi

UNISON PRAYER

Life-giving God, in the wild places you are teeming with life. You call us to enter the wilderness to open our senses to all that delights you.

Companion God, present to us in all our wilderness wanderings, we can testify that there are times when we wander in unknown places, unfamiliar to us, scary to us.

God of the still, small voice, when it seems like the silence of the wilderness is more than we can bear, speak to us, and open our ears that we might hear your message.

Whether we seek out the wilderness, or it is thrust upon us, grant us your peace, grant us an attentive spirit, grant us the patience and wisdom to be present to whatever it is that you would have the wilderness teach us. 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.

ANTHEM

“Make Me a Channel of your Peace”

S. Temple, arr. J. Holstein

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-13

VOCAL DUET

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Chisholm/Runyan, Arr. L. Larson

MESSAGE

“Lessons of the Wilderness”

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #591 (Green)

“How Great Thou Art”

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

“In Thee Lord I have put My Trust”

J.C. Bach

*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 #98 (Green) *“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE “Gott der Vater wohn uns bei” (God, the Father, be our stay)

S. Scheidt

(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:*

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)
Gracie Delgado (daughter of Sue McEwen's friend)
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)
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 20, 2026

Sunday	9/20/26	9:15 am	Outreach (G)
		10:00 am	Worship
		11:30 am	Deacons (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Monday	9/21/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	9/22/26	4:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	9/23/26	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	9/24/26	10:00 am	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	9/25/26	9:00 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	9/26/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/27/26	10:00 am	Worship
		5:00 pm	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 Sue Spurling and Cheryl Craig.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given by Kim & Jared Palmer in memory of Ray Palmer. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ♦ **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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If you would like your donation to go toward something specific like "Deacons", just note that in the description.

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