

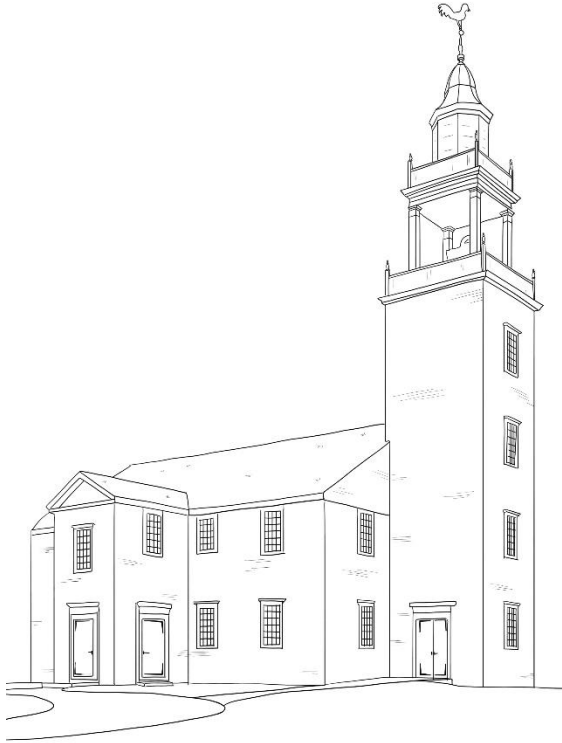
West Parish of Barnstable

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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them,
“Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going
into the kingdom of God ahead of you.” - Matthew 21:31*

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

Rev. Christie Burns

*HYMN # #250 (Green)

“Here in This Place”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This week has been filled with joys and sorrows.

Many: We have come here with burdens on our hearts.

One: God, who hears our cries, will offer us healing love.

Many: Thanks be to God for such generous compassion.

One: Open our hearts to God’s infinite mercy.

Many: We open our spirits to receive God’s love for us. AMEN.

PRELUDE

“Comptine d’un autre ete- L’apres-midi”

Y. Tiersen

UNISON PRAYER

Lord, open our eyes to see the beauty in each person we meet. Help us freely share your love with all your creations. We give thanks for beautifying your creation and for making a diverse world no. Help us to be kind, compassionate, and loving to all. We thank you, O Lord, for allowing us to grow in our welcome and learn about other cultures as we share your amazing grace and love with each other and the world. 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”
Bell Choir Quartet

arr. D. Wagner

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:23-32

SOLO

“Come, Lord, Restore Us”
text by L. Clark, music by D. von Kampen

MESSAGE

Is God with Us?

Rev. Christie Burns

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #414 (Green) “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

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

“All You Need is Love”

J. Lennon/P. McCartney

*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 # 345 (Green) “God Be With You Till We Meet Again”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“March”

anon.

“The Rejoicing”

J.F. Handel

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

* All who wish, please stand.

Thank you to Rev. Christie Burns for leading us in worship today.

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

Cal Toye (Bobbie Jordan's brother)

Macayla Washburn and her family

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

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 27, 2026

Sunday	9/27/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/28/26	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Council (G) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/29/26	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	9/30/26	9:00 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study Lunch Group (G) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	10/1/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	10/2/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA Cookout (Lawn)
Saturday	10/3/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/4/26	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 Sue Spurling and Cheryl Craig.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given by Peggie Bretz in memory of Cornell Bretz. They were arranged by Jeanne Pelletier.
- ♦ **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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