

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

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2026

10:00 a.m.

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:27

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 #256 (Green)

“Kum ba Yah”

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Church isn't easy. Every minor detail is a major decision.

Many: It's not easy because every one of us comes with gifts to be used. It takes a lot of conversation and proper preparation.

One: We have to keep things in scale and hold to our vision. Bit by bit, putting it together piece by piece.

Many: Every person makes a contribution. Thank God our director doesn't ask for perfection, only love, for making Church!

PRELUDE

“Valse in Db Major, op. 64, No.1”

F. Chopin

UNISON PRAYER

God whose stage is the whole of creation, thank you for providing us a good foundation for the show that is life.

The Church that you have called us to is but one play in the vast repertoire of awe and wonder that is the way humans encounter you.

This congregation is but a single set in that play, one which has no walls but extends to encompass every place that we live, work, and play.

We make Church as we try our best to act the way that Jesus Christ, our director, asks us to behave.

We pray that we bring you joy in all we do, not to earn your praise but to build a world where everyone knows they matter, they belong, and they are loved. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, whose stage is the whole of creation, thank you for providing us a good foundation for the show that is life.

We confess how often we forget our lines, and even what our roles are. We know that the Church is only one play in your vast repertoire that invites humans to encounter you, but we too easily act as though our scene in this one play is the only one that matters.

We close our set and try never to break the fourth wall, and yet Jesus Christ, our director, calls us extend the set unto the world around us where the spotlight of your love falls on everyone.

Align us to your vision so that we can play the roles you have called us to take on in the building of a world where everyone knows they matter, they belong, and they are loved. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

A REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SNEUCC

SNEUCC Delegate the Rev. Betsy Garland

SOLO

"Gift of Love"

arr. H. Hopson

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3, 13

MESSAGE

The Art of Making Church

Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #372 (Green)

"Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race"

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

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.

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

“Quiet Song”

D. Paxton

*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 #368 (Green)

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

WORDS OF SENDING

Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver

POSTLUDE

“Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Ehr”

F. W. Zachau

* All who wish, please stand.

All are invited to join together for fellowship and refreshments following the service.

*Elements of today’s worship service have been inspired by and quote or adapt the song
“Putting it Together” from the 1984 musical Sunday in the Park with George and later
adaptations of the lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.*

Rev. Dr. Ruth Shaver is the Area Conference Minister of the Southeast Region of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. She also serves on faculty of the Interim Ministry Network. She previously served six churches as an Intentional Interim Pastor and as the Academic Dean of PATHWAYS Theological Education, Inc., a Regional Theological Education Program of the UCC. Shaver was ordained at and is once again a member of Second Congregational Church UCC in Attleboro, Massachusetts, and is the former Moderator of the Old Colony Association. She holds a BA and an M.Div. from Boston University and a D.Min. from Lancaster Theological Seminary. She also sings and plays handbells. She resides in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

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 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)
Dave & Barbara Kern (friends of Joanna Wallace)
Sue Maki (Joanna Wallace's friend)
Lily McCardle (granddaughter of Elaine & Stephen Bartlett)
Summer Mendes and her sister
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
Cal 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)
Macayla Washburn and her 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 October 11, 2026

Sunday	10/11/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	10/12/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	10/13/26	11:00 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at The Old Village Store Barber Shop Group Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA(J)
Wednesday	10/14/26	9:00 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study Lunch Group (G) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board(G) AA (J)
Thursday	10/15/26	10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) Finance (G) AA (J)
Friday	10/16/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	10/17/26	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Worship Trunk or Treat (FS Teardrop)
Sunday	10/18/26	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 Peggie, Paula, & Bobbie.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given in celebration of Jared Palmer's birthday and were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ♦ **The 2026 Flower Calendar is full!** Thank you to everyone who has sponsored the flowers this year.
- ♦ **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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