

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

21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“Then God spoke all these words: ‘I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery....”*

Exodus 20:1-2

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 #35 (Red) “When Morning Gilds the Skies” vs. 1-4

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

Many: to serve God through serving the entire human family,

One: to proclaim the gospel to all the world,

Many: and resist the powers of evil,

One: to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at Christ’s table,

Many: to join in Christ’s passion and victory.

One: In gratitude,

All: we accept that call, and gather to praise God and testify to God’s loving deeds.

PRELUDE

“Adore and Be Still”

C. Gounod, arr. L. Smith

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

To some, confession seems to be so negative; we ask, “Isn’t there enough guilt in this world without bringing it up in church?” To others, confession has scary overtones, because they have an image of God as an angry judge seeking only to punish us.

And yet, we are a people of worth and value, beloved of God, and when we honestly acknowledge the shame and guilt of our lives, there is a possibility of transformation and healing.

Let us pray together, putting our faith in the accepting grace of Jesus Christ, who came not to condemn the world, but to save it.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, you have outlined

Ten ways the world could flourish,

Ten ways to have full lives,
Ten ways to respect and honor the earth.
But they've become
Ten ways we've failed to live,
Ten ways we've cheapened life,
Ten ways we've abused you and others.
We admit to the failure
but we hold to your way of wisdom for the world.
Enable us to see them as
Ten ways to love each other
Ten ways to change the world
Ten ways to open up your realm. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: God say, "I forgive you, not ten times, not a hundred time, but every time. Live in my ways and make this life better for the world and each other."

Many: Thanks be to God!

A MIDRACH FROM THE EXODUS NARRATIVE

(As retold by Rabbi Adam Morris)

SOLO

"My Good Lord's Done Been Here"

African American Spiritual, arr. M. Hogan

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

MESSAGE

Ten Ways to Love

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #237 (Green)

"How Firm a Foundation" vs. 1-2,5

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.

SOLO

“Plenty Good Room”

Guest Soloist Colm Cahill

African American Spiritual, arr. D. Moore

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

“Fond D’Orgue”

L. Marchand

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God for love we all may share
Praise God for beauty everywhere
Praise God for hope of good to be
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #464 (Green)

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

“God of Our Fathers” G. Warren, arr. M. McDonald

(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

Jerry Hunt (son of John and Sharon Hunt)

Gail Grossman (friend of Robin Fryer)

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)

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

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Call 508-362-4445, email office@westparish.org, leave a note, or stop on by.*

The Week of October 18, 2026

Sunday	10/18/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	10/19/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	10/20/26	11:00 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at The Old Village Store Barber Shop Group Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA(J) Meet the Candidates Night (M) Building Committee (G)
Wednesday	10/21/26	9:00 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study Lunch Group (G) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J) Gala Committee Meeting (G)
Thursday	10/22/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	10/23/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) FS 50 th Anniversary Gala at Cotuit Center for the Arts
Saturday	10/24/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/25/26	10:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Peggy Nelson Memorial (M) Spooktacular Concert (M) 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 Ted Gould.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** are given in memory of Wilson Tooker's birthday by Matt and Cindy Tooker. They were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- ♦ **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.

Musical Spooktacular October 25th

Talented musical theater professionals will present an interactive evening of drama and comedy, performing spooky musical hits which includes classical organ pieces to Broadway hits under the direction of Paula King.

Colm Cahill is a bass-baritone and sophomore at Falmouth High School, where he participates in both choral and theater programs. He studies voice privately with John Murelle. Last spring, Colm performed as Carlos in *Legally Blonde* and is currently preparing for the role of Schroeder in *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, opening this November.

Colm is pleased to share his musical talents with the West Parish congregation and is grateful for the opportunity to be part of today's worship service.

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.

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