

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

Ash Sunday

First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*An Ash Wednesday service traditionally marks the beginning of the church season of Lent.
As folk have often been unable to attend this mid-week service,
we have taken to moving its essence to Sunday!*

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

PRELUDE

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Louisa M. R. Stead & William Kirkpatrick

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Associate Pastor Christie Burns and Pastor Reed

One: Today is the first Sunday in Lent.

Two: Why we have come together?

Many: We have come together to meet Jesus. For Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together, here I am also."

One: It is dim and cold outside.

Two: Why have we come here on this winter's day?

Many: We have come to create warmth and light. For Jesus said, "You are the light of the world."

One: There are ashes in little pots here, also.

Two: What do these ashes mean?

Many: Ashes are a sign of repentance. They mean we are sorry for our sins and willing to change.

One: Today is the first Sunday in Lent.

Two: Why have we come together in this holy place?

Many: We have come to confess and be forgiven.

We have come to make peace with each other, ourselves, and God.

We come to let the warm light of Jesus shine on us so that new life may come alive in our hearts.

One: Come then, People of God, let us worship together.

Two: Come then, Jesus Christ . . . our light and our Redeemer.

Many: Come, Jesus, come!

* HYMN #256 (Green)

“Kum Ba Yah”

DESMOND

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:3-12 (The Message)

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

One: In faith, let us respond to God's word together. We believe in God.

Many: Therefore we know we are not God.

One: We believe in Jesus Christ.

Many: Therefore we can see the difference between God made flesh and the reality of our own lives.

One: We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Many: Therefore we know, all too well, the distance between ourselves and the truth.

SOLO

Taste And See

Michael Helman

SECOND READING

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

One: Let us enter the journey of Lent, people who stand among others as truly human - no better, no worse, simply offered the grace of God as we go.

Many: We remember some moments of courage and faithfulness, the times when we cheered on the good in life, like the laying of palm branches for the journey of Jesus Christ.

One: Then we remember how we have turned our faces away, in doubt and fear, in failure and weakness, and the palm branches of our better moments became as ashes.

All: We will stay with our humanness, for we are born of the earth and will one day return to it. We know who we are. We are not God.

One: Receiving the mark our humanness, I invite those who wish to do so to come forward and place the mark of the ashes on your forehead or hand, the mark which bears witness to your preparedness to own that you are an ordinary human being.

(Those wishing to so may come forward to one of the two stations, dip a finger into the oil, then into the ashes, then dab them on your forehead or wrist. There will be an opportunity to remove the ashes at the end of the service. If you would like the ashes brought to you, remain seated and when everyone is done raise your hand and we will bring them to you.)

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

THIRD READING Psalm 51:1-12 (The Message)

One: God will, indeed, restore us to the joy of our salvation, washing us clean in the gentleness of grace. As you leave today, I invite you who bear the mark of the ashes to wipe away the sign of human failures and to begin the time of Lenten reflection in freedom and hope.

(Some wipes have been placed at the entry to the Meetinghouse for this purpose.)

MESSAGE “Easing Up and Letting God Take Over” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #397 (Green) “Create In Me, O God” TEACHER’S FAREWELL

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.*

Text to Give instructions are on the back page.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

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

WORDS OF SENDING

One: Friends, Christ is alive and goes before us, to show and share what love can do.

Many: So this is a day of new beginnings -- our God is making all things new.

One: Let us go forth into this season of Lent a people of new beginnings, resolving each day to turn more and more towards our true Light.

Many: Let us go forth in joy, for through Christ Jesus we have been reconciled with God, saved by his life.

One: May the blessing of God go with you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

Chorale

Healey Willan

Author Unknown, 1632 Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863

*Let us all with gladsome voice praise the God of heaven,
Who, to bid our hearts rejoice, His own Son hath given.
(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.

Our liturgy is drawn from SeasonoftheSpirit Congregational Life Lent/Easter.

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:*

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)
Winsome Bell (friend of Robin Fryer)
Roberta Booze (Robin Miller's mother)
Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)
Josephine Bugryn (Joy Indomenico's sister)
Sandyi & Ken Campbell (friends of Dianna Henson)
Chris G. (friend of Christie Burns and Reed Baer)
David Darling
Ellen Davis
Judy Desrochers
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Sean F (friend of Rebecca Moberg & the Moberg family)
Tim Foster (friend of Carol Allen)
Jenny Giering (friend of Christie Burns)
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Jeanie Hill and family (friends of Greg Williams)
Brian Hughes (neighbor of Joyce Joakim)
Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)
Jason (nephew of Joy Indomenico)
Scot Johnson
Marty Lichterman (one of Van Northcross's best friends)
Bob Lonkart
Marisa Lonkart (Georgia's and Bob's daughter-in-law)
Jackie Mague
Brad Martin (friend of Marianne and Greg Williams)
Stewart Nelson (friend of Lynn & Randy Parker)
Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)
Joan Perry
Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Savannah
Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)
Ernie Walsh
Tom & Rhys White (Bruce and Pat White's family)
Lee Williams (mother of Tripp Grohe's friend, Mark Williams)
Nancy Woodman (friend of Marianne Williams)

Please notify the church office (508-362-4445) of any additions, deletions or changes you wish to make.

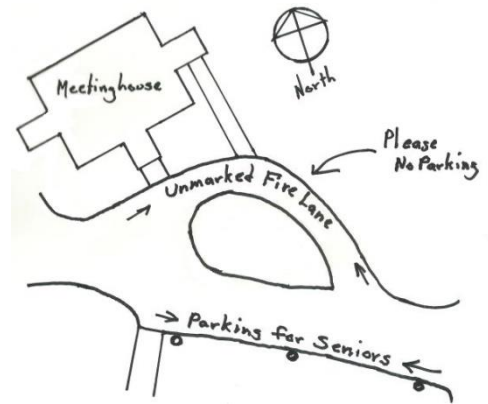
The Week of March 6, 2022

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| Sunday | 3/6/22 | 10:00 am | Worship |
| Monday | 3/7/22 | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 3/8/22 | 9:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 10:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 11:45 am | Music Lessons (M) |
| | | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| | | 6:30 pm | Study Group (G) |
| Wednesday | 3/9/22 | 9:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 10:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 12:00 pm | Bible Study (Zoom) |
| | | 4:00 pm | FS Board |
| | | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Thursday | 3/10/22 | 9:15 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 1:00 pm | Bridge Group (G) |
| | | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| | | 7:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Friday | 3/11/22 | 9:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 10:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 10:30 am | Knitting Group (G) |
| | | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Saturday | 3/12/22 | 4:30 pm | Worship |
| Sunday | 3/13/22 | 10:00 am | Worship |

- ◆ **The ushers today are** Margaret & Ted Housman, and Ted Gould.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ◆ **The flower sponsorship calendar is up!** Stop by the kiosk in Jenkins Hall or call the office to check the dates available and pick one (or more) to sponsor the flowers. For \$32, payable in the office, one of the flower committee will put together an arrangement for you and have it in place in the Meetinghouse.
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** is hosted by Shirley and Bob Stolte.
- ◆ **The Coffee Hour sign up** is on the kiosk in Jenkins. If you can spare a little of your time to help with preparing and serving at our Sunday *Coffee Hour* it would be greatly appreciated. It's a wonderful way to socialize with old friends and to make new ones. Please pick a Sunday on the sign-up sheet at the kiosk in Jenkins Hall. Thank you.

we ask your cooperation in protecting the 1717 Meetinghouse by not parking your vehicle in or alongside the teardrop closest to the Meetinghouse. Although it is not marked, it is a FIRE LANE and preserves clear access to the Meetinghouse for Emergency Vehicles.

However, more parking is available. At least three, maybe four, spaces can be used on the west side of the Tear Drop for those with mobility issues.



Text to Give

If you haven't tried it out, it's easy:

1. Text 866-586-0169 (the give-by-text number for West Parish) and in the body of the message enter the amount you wish to donate and send.
2. You will receive a registration link. Click on it, enter your contact and payment information then press "Process."
3. After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text and receipt via email.

You only need to register and set up your payment information once.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

Add "West Parish Give by Text" as a contact on your phone to make it even easier!

If you have questions or would like help setting it up, see Marianne Williams.

Church Staff

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