# 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

4th Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022 10:00 a.m.

"'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom . . .
for I was hungry and you gave me food . . . I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:34-36

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 Wondrous Love – Variation 2 Robert Lau "to God and to the lamb who is the great I AM"

## \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the gathering place of God and all God's people. Give thanks to God for God is good.

Many: God's steadfast love endures for all time.

One: Come all who need justice.

Many: God weaves in us the path of life.

One: Come all who need comfort.

Many: God weaves in us a sure hope.

One: Come all who need peace,

Many: God weaves in us the way of truth.

One: Come all who need healing,

Many: God weaves in us the promise of wholeness.

One: Come all who need community,

Many: God weaves in us the love of Christ.

One: Give thanks to God for God is good.

Many: God's steadfast love endures for all time.

\* HYMN #403 (Green) "Lord, I Want to be a Christian" I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

SCRIPTURE It is as Easy and as Hard as "Take Up Your Cross" Mark 8:31-38

#### UNISON PRAYER

May this be a place to celebrate your presence, O God. May we tell stories

of you finding us when we are at our lowest,

of you reaching us when we feel excluded, of you holding us when everyone else has let go, of you bringing us in when we feel apart, of you touching us when we feel broken, of you calling us when we feel unworthy.

May this be a place to celebrate your presence, and show the world your steadfast love for all. 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.

SOLO Down In The Valley To Pray arr. Jay Althouse

# THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE This is What it Looks Like, In Practice Matthew 25:31-40

SERMON "No, It is *Not* in our Best Interest to be Involved" Pastor Reed

## THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #467 (Green) "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" I'M GONNA LIVE

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

(At the conclusion of the prayer, all are invited forward to light a prayer candle as a tangible symbol of a prayer which lies close to your heart.)

#### 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 #530 (Green)

"Once to Every Heart and Nation"

**EBENEZER** 

WORDS OF SENDING

**POSTLUDE** 

At The Name of Jesus King's Weston Ralph Vaughan Williams/arr. Robert Lind

"At the name of Jesus ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess him King of glory now; 'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty word.

In your hearts enthrone him: there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true; Crown him as your captain in temptation's hour, let his will enfold you in its light and pow'r."

(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.

\*\*Thank you to Maxie Davidson for sharing her voice today for a solo and leading the hymns.

#### 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)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)

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)

Nancy Opp (friend of Bobbie Jordan)

Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)

Joan Perry

Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)

Savannah

Nick Sherman (friend of the Abrahams)

Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)

Ernie Walsh

**Joanne Wastrom** (wife of former 1717 Trustee Bob Wastrom & friend of Donna & Tripp Grohe)

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)

The Week of March 27, 2022			
Sunday	3/27/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	3/28/22	4:30 pm	Council (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	3/29/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
Wednesday	3/30/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
	, ,	10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Zoom)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	3/31/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/1/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
	, ,	10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	4/2/22	11:00 am	Reiland committal (M)
		4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/3/22	10:00 am	Worship

- The ushers today Chris Haven, Bobbbie Jordan and Ted Gould.
- The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- Coffee Hour today celebrates those friends with birthdays in December, January, February and March.
- ◆ The flower sponsorship calendar is up and there are lots of opportunities to sponsor a week! 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.
- 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. Thank you.

# Sign up for Easter flowers!



Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?

Please fill out the form below and drop off or mail it to the church office with \$10 per plant by April 13, 2022.

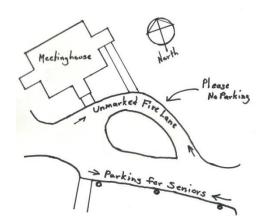
Given by

(please circle one) in memory / honor / celebration of:

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship service.

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**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher Donna Murphy, Music Director Kristen Lind, Family School Director Wendy Northcross, Council Chair Christine Burns, Associate Pastor Susan McEwen, Office Administrator Joseph Findlay, Sexton Susan Moeller, Deacons Chair

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