

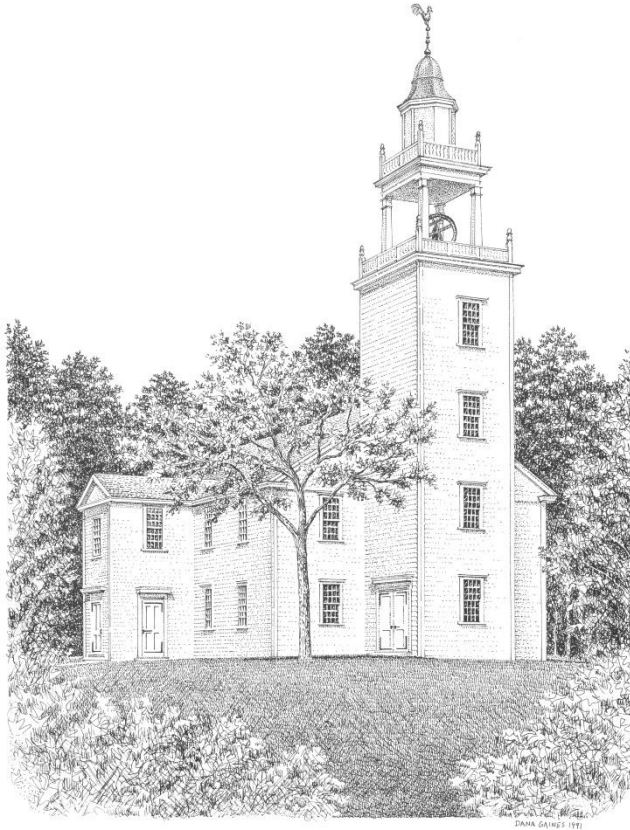
# *West Parish of Barnstable*

*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**

*Holy Humor Sunday*

April 24, 2022

10:00 a.m.

*“A merry heart is a good medicine, but a downcast spirit drieth the bones.” -- Proverbs 17:22*

*“We are fools for the sake of Christ...” -- 1 Cor. 4:10*

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

Prelude on "Joy In The Morning"

Natalie Sleeth/arr. Joel Raney

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: When doors were shut and the world was kept out,*

**Many: resurrection found the disciples.**

*One: When the church gathers and the world waits outside,*

**Many: resurrection finds us.**

*One: When fear grew and new questions were found,*

**Many: resurrection found the disciples.**

*One: When faith leads us into new questions about life,*

**Many: resurrection finds us.**

*One: When suffering remained and the city was hostile,*

**Many: resurrection found the disciples.**

*One: When Christ gathers with his followers in living worship,*

**Many: resurrection finds us.**

\*HYMN # 216 (Green)

*"The Day of Resurrection!"*

LANCASHIRE

THE COVENANT OF WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE - 2016

*Adopted by the congregation on the occasion of its 400th anniversary*

*One: We are a covenantal, not creedal, church. We are church together not because we profess to believe in any creed or statement of belief, but because we covenant together – we agree with each other, and our God – to walk the journey of faith together. In the enlivening and renewing light of Easter, let us reaffirm our covenant:*

We solemnly and faithfully covenant together with God and one another to walk in all God's ways, honoring the past and embracing the future.

As a part of this covenant we vow to:

- love all in word and deed as Jesus teaches;
- openly welcome and affirm all persons;
- respect those with whom we differ and work toward reconciliation;
- work for peace and social and economic justice;
- participate in a Spirit-led outreach with the community and the world beyond;
- respond in our service, worship, and organization to the challenges of these times, as God guides us;
- engage with the wider Christian community and other faith traditions;
- respect and preserve God's earth.

This we so covenant, relying on the grace of God, the guidance of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

SOLO

The Living Word

Marion A. Lien & Austin C. Lovelace

### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

EASTER SEASON HYMN SING

SCRIPTURE

Acts 16:16-34

MESSAGE "Momma, Don't Let Your Child Grow Up to be a Congressman"

Pastor Reed

### THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #32 (Green)

*"God of Grace and God of Laughter"*

SOUTH BRANCH

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.*

OFFERTORY                                      Herzliebster Jesu (O Blessed Jesu)                                      Johannes Brahms

\*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 #204 (Green)                      “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”                                      ST. KEVIN

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE                                      Gigue                                      Douglas E. Wagner  
*(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.**

\*\*Thanks to Maxie Davidson for her solo and leading hymn singing today.

### **Paraprosdokians (courtesy of Matt Tooker)**

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
3. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
4. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
5. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
6. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
7. You're never too old to learn something stupid.

## 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

#### *Bruce White*

*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)  
*David Darling*  
*Eli* (friend of Sandy Siedsma)  
*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)

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

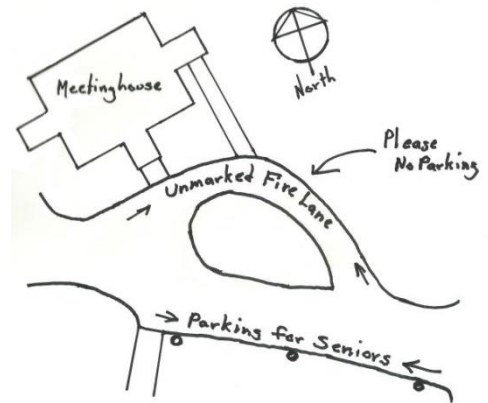
## The Week of April 24, 2022

<b>Sunday</b>	4/24/22	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	4/25/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/26/22	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	4/27/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		4:00 pm	FS Faculty (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	4/28/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	4/29/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	4/30/22	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	5/1/22	10:00 am	Worship

- ◆ **The ushers today are** Lynn & Randy Parker and Ted Gould.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Lynn Parker.
- ◆ **Coffee Hour** is hosted today by Sue & Bruce Benwood.
- ◆ **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.

**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

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