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

5th Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022 10:00 a.m.

"Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you."

John 6:27

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 3 Robert Lau "to bear the heavy cross for my soul..."

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, awake from your slumbers, shake off the sleepiness that dulls the mind, and come, let us worship together.

Many: Morning has broken, a new day, a day for worship and praise!

One: Come, brothers and sisters, and recognize the hunger buried deep within, a hunger that cannot be satisfied by bread that perishes.

Many: We come this day, hoping to be fed, in need of nourishment.

One: Come, beloved of God, to be nurtured for ministry, that we might go forth to feed a world that hungers.

* HYMN #259 (Green)

"Awake. Awake to Love and Work"

MORNING SONG

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

One: Friends, as we come to this time of confession, may we leave behind our limitations, and venture into the vast, unknown reaches of God's love. Together, may we open and reveal our hearts, so that we will find forgiveness amid the community that God intends.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, giver of life, you give us the true bread from heaven that gives life to the world. In the wilderness places of our lives, you feed us with the manna of healing and hope. In the lonely places, you provide the rich meals of compassion and community. In the midst of struggles, you set forth a banquet of dignity and meaning. Even in the presence of our enemies, you set a table of reconciliation and peace. In your Son, Jesus, you feed us with bread and wine.

Forgive us, O God, when we prefer the bread that perishes to the bread that endures, and restore us to your feast, where in the communion of all the saints, we shall feed upon your mercy, forever.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the bread of life, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: In the midst of our spiritual hungering comes Jesus the Christ, assuring us that "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believe in me will never be thirsty." Believe the Good News: you are forgiven! Rise to new life!

All: Amen!

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SOLO My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)/arr. Bonnie Duckworth

SCRIPTURE John 6:24-35

SERMON "Soul Food" Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #316 (Green) "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ" LINSTEAD

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.

SOLO Jesus Took The Bread Ruth Duck

THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

(Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ's presence.)

INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, O God, that you have come to us through Jesus Christ, in the midst of time and history in the town of Bethlehem, on a plain in Galilee where 5000 were fed, on a cross at the town dump, on the road to Emmaus on Easter, and in the timeless presence of Christ's Spirit as we receive the gifts of bread and wine. Send us out into the world rejoicing, ready to share your love with the people we meet; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

GOD SENDS US FORTH

*HYMN #444 (Green)

"Lord of All Hopefulness"

SLANE

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Near The Cross

William H. Doane/arr. Don Hustad

Jesus, keep me near the cross, There a precious fountain Free to all – a healing stream, Flows from Calvary's mountain. *In the cross in the cross, Be my glory ever;* Till my raptured soul shall find Rest beyond the river. Fanny J. Crosby

(It is our custom to remain seated in silence during the Postlude)

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

^{*} All who wish, please stand.

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)

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 April 3, 2022			
Sunday	4/3/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	4/4/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	4/5/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		12:00 pm	1717 Foundation (Zoom)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
Wednesday	4/6/22	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	4/7/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/8/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	4/9/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/10/22	10:00 am	Worship

- ♦ The ushers today Margaret & Ted Housman and Ted Gould.
- ◆ The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today were arranged by Sharon Hunt.
- ◆ Coffee Hour is hosted today by Sharon and Bob Wyman.
- ◆ 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.

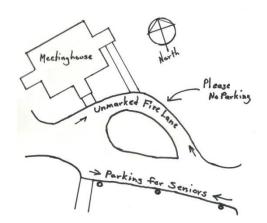
Given by

(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.

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