

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:00 a.m.

“The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us.”

Acts 11:12

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

Brethren, We Have Met For Worship

HOLY MANNA

Words - Catherine Cameron, 1967, Music - William Moore, 1825, arr. Donald Hustad

"As each far horizon beckons, may it challenge us anew;
children of creative purpose, serving others, honoring you.
May our dreams prove rich with promise, each endeavor, well begun;
Great Creator, give us guidance till our goals and yours are one."

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

Many: inviting us to worship.

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

Many: inviting us to love.

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

**Many: calling us by name, calling us to grow in faith,
calling us to be made new.**

One: God's Spirit calls to our spirits,

Many: inviting us to worship.

*HYMN #593 (Green)

"Here I Am, Lord"

HERE I AM, LORD

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

In the Form of a Doxology

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,
you have come to us
and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.

SOLO

This Little Light o' Mine

Negro Spiritual/arr. John W. Work

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE Acts 11:1-18

MEDITATION “New Vision” Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN (insert) “*Sing the World that God Imagines*” HYMN TO JOY
Lyrics by Amanda Udis_Kessler

ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray.

A LITANY ON PETER’S VISION

One: Once we believed in us versus them.

Two: Now we know that all are one in Christ.

All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

One: Once we believed in clean and unclean.

Two: Now we know that all are one in Christ.

All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

One: Once we believed everyone had to be the same.

Two: Now we know that all are one in Christ.

All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

One: Once we believed in status and money.

Two: Now we know that all are one in Christ.

All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

One: Once we believed in divide and conquer.

Two: Now we know that all are one in Christ.

All: Behold, a new heaven and a new earth!

Christ makes all things new. Amen!

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

In God, My Faithful God

J. S. Bach/Ed. Lani Smith

*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 #445 (Green)

"Be Thou My Vision"

SLANE

RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

*One: Go forth in search of unity where there is division;
To love others as Christ loves you;
To celebrate God's goodness with all the rest of creation.*

All: We go surrounded by God's Spirit.

*One: The former things have gone away;
God is making all things new.
God dwells among us even now!*

All: Thanks be to God!

*One: May the blessings of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
be with you today, and forevermore.*

All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FEST BURG

Martin Luther/arr. Eleanor Whitsett

"A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever."

(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 sharing her talents with the solo and leading singing.

Sing the World that God Imagines

Lyrics by Amanda Udis-Kessler

Sing the world that God i - ma - gines. Sing of just - tice, joy, and peace.
Sing the world that God i - ma - gines. Sing of all the hung - ry fed.
Build the world that God i - ma - gines. Birth a day of hope - re - stored.

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Sing of wel - come of - fered free - ly. Sing of love's un - end - ing feast.
Sing the free - ing of the cap - tives. Sing of wine and sing of bread.
Ga - ther in the lost and lone - ly. Heal the sick and tend the poor,

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What we sing can call us on - ward. What we sing can make de - mands.
What we sing can stir our spir - its. What we sing can help us care.
ours the work of co - cre - a - tion, ours the sea - son to re - joice.

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As we sing, we live God's fu - ture, heart and soul and mind and hands.
Sing the ho - ly in - vi - ta - tion. Sing of won - der ev - ery - where.
Join in love's i - ma - gi - na - tion. Take your place and raise your voice.

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Tune: Hymn to Joy, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; adapted/harmonized by Edward Hodges, 1846

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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

Mary-Ann Tu

J.P. Joakim (Joyce Joakim's son)

Sophie (Joyce Joakim's sister in law)

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
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 and friend of Donna & Tripp Grohe)
Bruce White
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.

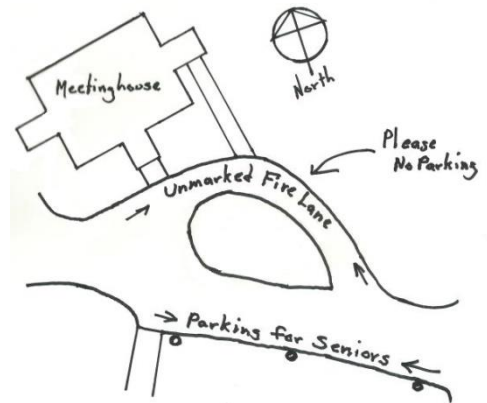
The Week of May 15, 2022

Sunday	5/15/22	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Visioning Luncheon
Monday	5/16/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	5/17/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M) Study Group (G) Finance (J)
Wednesday	5/18/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Zoom) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	5/19/22	9:15 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due FS Science (J) Crafters (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	5/20/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	5/21/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/22/22	10:00 am	Worship

- ◆ **The ushers today are** Susan Moeller and Donna Grohe.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were arranged by Chris Haven.
- ◆ **Coffee Hour today is** hosted today by Sharon & Bob Hunt and Bobbie Jordan.
- ◆ **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

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