

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

7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 19, 2023

10:00 a.m.

*“They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases;
and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.”*

Luke 6:18

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 and OPENING SCRIPTURE (Gen. 9:12-17)

Pastor Reed Baer

* HYMN #98 (Green) “*God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*”

ROEDER

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor Reed Baer

One: O God, as a gentle snowfall quietly blankets the earth, may your peace and love fall upon us, bringing peace and comfort.

Many: O God, as sunlight on glistening snow can brighten up even a long winter season, may the light of your Word for us lift our spirits.

One: In this time of worship, soak into our innermost being.

Many: Quiet all that makes us anxious.

One: Help us linger in your presence.

Many: And send us out refreshed, to carry your peace to others, and to the world.

PRELUDE

In The Garden

Words and music by C. Austin Miles

UNISON PRAYER

God of Life, you are as near to us as our breath. Touch our eyes that we may see you; open our ears that we may hear your voice; enter our hearts that we might know your love.

Grace our bodies and souls with your presence, that we might feel your strength, and your healing touch; in the name of our Healer, our Savior, Our Light and our Life, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together, saying...

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

WELCOME

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND SPONSORS

CONGREGATIONAL ASSENT

Leader: Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support and care.

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

ANTHEM

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Joseph Hart, 1750 & Gordon Young (Based on "Beach Spring")

"Where earth's fragile web is raveling help us mend each broken strand.
Bless our urgent, bold endeavors cleansing water, air and land.
Through the Spirit's inspiration - off'ring health where once was pain -
stengthen us to be the stewards of your world knit whole again."
(*Restless Weaver* #520)

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:17-19

SOLO

Home Free

Wayne Watson

MESSAGE

"Troubled Spirits"

Pastor Reed

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

*HYMN #398 (Green) “God, Who Touches Earth with Beauty”
Soloist, v. 1; all, v. 2-5

GENEVA

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

Let us pray, responding to the phrase, “Jesus Christ, lover of all,” with the words,
“bring healing, bring peace.”

*Christ our Lord,
Long ago in Galilee
Many who were sick and suffering
Needed friends to bring them to your side.
Confident of your goodness,
We now bring to you in prayer those who need your healing touch.
Those who are ill in body; whose illness is long, or painful, or difficult to cure; who suffer
restless days and sleepless nights.
Jesus Christ, lover of all, **R***

*We bring to you those who are troubled in mind, distressed by the past, or dreading the
future; those who are trapped and cast down by fear.
Jesus Christ, lover of all, **R***

*We bring before you those for whom light has been turned to darkness: by the death of a love
one; the breaking of a friendship; the fading of hope.
Jesus Christ, lover of all, **R***

*We ask your blessing on doctors and nurses; on all who look after those who are ill, who give
friendship to those who are distressed, or sit with those who are near death.
Jesus Christ, lover of all, **R***

*We ask you guidance for those who are engaged in medical research, that they may persevere
with vision and energy; and for those who administer the agencies of health and welfare, that
they might have compassion and wisdom.*

Jesus Christ, lover of all, R

Loving God, the care of every soul is in your hands, the cure of every sickness comes from you. We do not know your will for us. If by our lives your grace may be made known, then in us, and through us, and even in spite of us, your kingdom come, your will be done. 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

Bourree

G. F. Handel

*SONG OF PRAISE

**O God, may we who bear your name
By gentle love your grace proclaim,
Christ's gift of peace on earth declare
And your anointing Spirit share. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

RITE OF FAREWELL
Yessica, Manuel, and Emi

PRAYER OF FAREWELL

BLESSING

One: Go now, surrounded by our love, led by the promises of God, accompanied by the presence of Jesus, guided by the Holy Spirit. Vaya con Dios!

All: Vaya con Dios!

*HYMN #368 (Green)

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

DENNIS

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Reprise

Paul Manz

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

* 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:*

New to the Prayer List

*All affected by the Turkey earthquake
Margaret Hornak (friend of the Hensons)*

Lauren Abraham

Peter Abraham (Rich's brother)

Karolina Atsalis (friend of the Abrahams)

Pearl Burbank Bond (friend of Jean Birch)

Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)

Josephine Bugryn (Joy Indomenico's sister)

Faith Clark (sister of Rik Clark)

Ellen Davis

Judy Desrochers

Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)

Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)

Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)

Christine Hayes (Stepmother of Lauren Abraham)

Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)

Jason (nephew of Joy Indomenico)

Joy Indomenico

Dan Joakim (Joyce Joakim's son)

Karen (sister-in-law of a former parishioner of Bob Naylor)

Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)

Marisa Lonkart (Georgia's daughter-in-law)

Rev. Deborah Mahaney (friend of Robin Fryer)

Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)

Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)

Savannah (friend of Sharon and John Hunt)

Sophie (Joyce Joakim's sister in law)

Shirley Stolte

Marilyn Swain (Janet Joakim's aunt)

Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)

Mary-Ann Tu

Steve and Heather Walker (friends of Sharon and John Hunt)

Nancy Walsh, John Kolf and Jake McGuire (friend of the Hensons and her grandsons)

Joanne Wastrom (wife of former 1717 Trustee Bob Wastrom and 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 February 19, 2023

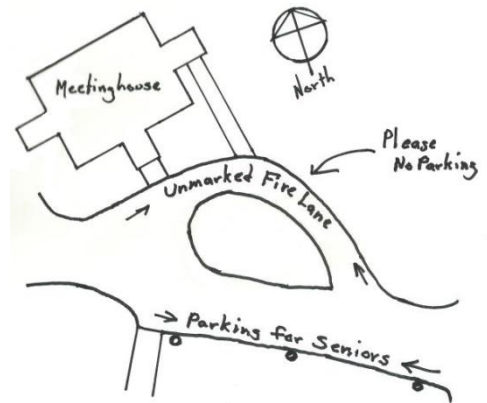
Sunday	2/19/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	2/20/23	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Office Closed Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Tuesday	2/21/23	3:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Foundation (G) Finance (M & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	2/22/23	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	2/23/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	2/24/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	2/25/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/26/23	10:00 am	Worship

Key: FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom

- ◆ **Please join us for Coffee Hour over in Jenkins Hall after the service.** Our hosts today are Sarah Wyatt, Peggie Bretz and Georgia Lonkart.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Bobbie Jordan in honor of grandparents. They were arranged by Kenyon Gregoire.
- ◆ **The 2023 Flower Calendar is up!** Thank you to all who have sponsored the flower arrangements last year. Stop by the kiosk in Jenkins Hall and check the dates for next year and pick one to sponsor the flowers! For \$32, payable in the office, one of us on 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.

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