

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



**“I believe poetry is very old.
It’s very sacred. It wishes for
a community. It’s a community
ritual, certainly. And that’s
why, when you write a poem,
you write it for anybody and
everybody ... It’s a gift to yourself,
but it’s a gift to anybody who has
a hunger for it.”**

Mary Oliver

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

10:00 a.m.

All are invited to stay for the full service today.
Church School is off for the summer.

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 A WORD ABOUT THIS SERVICE

Pastor Reed Baer

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings *with* Be Thou My Vision
Michael Joncas & Ancient Irish Traditional Melody/ arr. Carol Tornquist

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen to the good news. God is with us, this day and every day.

**Many: Because God is with us, we can face each day with courage. We can find
some good in everything, for we are never completely alone.**

*One: God's goodness sometimes seems to come as a trickling stream, sometimes as a freshening
river, sometimes as a mighty flood. But God is always with us.*

**All: We worship you, O God, for your goodness. We praise you with our songs.
We seek you in our prayers. We offer ourselves to you because you are
our God.**

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

CALL TO WONDER

Kim Baker

A Found Poem from a poetry and art exhibit

UNISON PRAYER

**Ever-creating God,
You who in the beginning
moved over the unformed chaos
and brought forth all that is,
spinning stars and galaxies and planets
and in the fullness of time life, and life abundant,
move us to wonder.**

Move us to wonder at the astounding fact that we are here,
and now,
created with minds to experience all this,
created with hearts to know love,
and to long for you.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who by the calming waters of the sea of Galilee taught us to pray, 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.

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

ONE MINUTE

Jim Miller

A WORD FROM THE LORD Psalm 22:1-11 (The Message)

MEDITATION

Our Pleas for Help

Pastor Reed Baer

*HYMN #1 (Red)

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

UNSENT LETTER TO GOD

Kim Baker

SOLO

A Simple Song from "Mass"

Stephen Schwartz & Leonard Bernstein

MEDITATION

Never Enough...

THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

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

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

Aria

Franz Josef Haydn/arr. Edward Broughton

*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God for love we all may share
Praise God for beauty everywhere
Praise God for hope of good to be
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

GOD SENDS US FORTH

WASH ASHORE

Jim Miller

MEDITATION

Waves of Love for Everyone

*HYMN #401 (Green) *“Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound”*

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

Beautiful City

Stephen Schwartz

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

Thanks to Christian Bearse for sharing his vocal talents this morning.

OUR 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)
Margaret and Bill Brummel (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)
Debbie Davis (mother-in-law of Dianna & Roger Henson's grandson Nate)
Diane (friend of Sandie and Dale Seidsma)
Judy Desrochers
Betsy Eidem (friend of Carol Allen)
Donna Flaherty (Robin Miller's neighbor)
Jay Gregory
Jay Griffin (Peggie Bretz' brother)
Sharon Griffin (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)
Christine Hayes (Stepmother of Lauren Abraham)
Steve Howland
Mike Hovan (friend of Dan Enos)
Joy Indomenico
Jason (nephew of Joy Indomenico)
Joyce Joakim
Dan Joakim and DJ (Joyce Joakim's son)
Martha Lant (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)
William Manning III
Diane Marquis (a former teacher at the Family School)
Jack Parmer (friend of Carol Allen)
Sylvia Powers (friend of Barbara Rogers)
Savanna Ramotar (friend of Sharon Hunt)
Sophia (Joyce Joakim's sister in law)
Shirley Stolte
Marilyn Swain (Janet Joakim's aunt)
Alexis Teixeira (cousin of Barbara Walsh)
Pete Tufflie (friend of Bob Wyman)
Gary Toye (brother of Bobbie Jordan)
Mary-Ann Tu
Steve and Heather Walker (friends of Sharon and John Hunt)
Joanne Wastrom (wife of former 1717 Trustee Bob Wastrom and friend of Donna & Tripp Grohe)
Tom White
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 August 13, 2023

Sunday	8/13/23	10:00 am		Worship
Monday	8/14/23	5:00 pm		AA (J)
Tuesday	8/15/23	11:30 am		Music Lessons (M)
		4:00 pm		Coffee Hour Discussion (G)
		5:00 pm		AA (J)
Wednesday	8/16/23	12:00 pm		Bible Study (G & Z)
		3:30 pm		Paul Revere & Friends -Children's Event (M)
		5:00 pm		AA (J)
Thursday	8/17/23		Rooster Crows Articles Due	
		10:00 am		Fair Crafters (J)
		5:00 pm		AA (J)
Friday	8/18/23	10:30 am		Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm		AA (J)
Saturday	8/12/23	8 am-2 pm		Tag Sale in the Garden
		8 am-2pm		Pins & Needles Fabric Arts Show (M)
Sunday	8/13/23	9:15 am		Outreach (G)
		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 Sharon & John Hunt.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Roy Thomas in memory of Jeanette Thomas. They were arranged by Carol Allen.
- ◆ **The 2023 Flower Calendar is up!** Stop by the kiosk in Jenkins Hall and check the dates available and pick one to sponsor the flowers! For \$32, payable in the office, one of members 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 circle closest to the Meetinghouse. Although it is not marked, it is a FIRE LANE and preserves clear access to the Meetinghouse for Emergency Vehicles.

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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