

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

12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2023

10:00 am

"Gimme that old-time religion, it's good enough for me."

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

WELCOME

Pastor Reed Baer

PRELUDE

Fly Away Medley
Solo

Traditional/ arr. Mark Hayes

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Friends, we come here this summer morning remembering, and longing for, that old-time religion.

Many: Sometimes we just long for a little sunshine in the soul, for that mythic church in the wildwood, for that sanctuary of rest beside the still water.

One: And we remember that people of faith down the ages are as varied as we are:

Many: There were those like Abraham, Sarah, and John the Baptist, people with vision;

One: those like Job, Thomas, and the woman at the Samaritan well, people with questions;

Many: those like Moses, Jeremiah, and Mary, people with self-doubt;

One: those like Joshua, Deborah, and Stephen, people with courage;

Many: those like Rebekah and Samuel, Esther and Ruth, Martha and Priscilla, Peggie and Sarah and Susan and Rich and Bobbie, people with a part to play in the story of faith.

One: Let us worship together.

*HYMN

"Gimme That Old Time Religion"

*Refrain: Gimme that old time religion
Gimme that old time religion
Gimme that old time religion
It's good enough for me.*

It was good for dad and mother
It was good for dad and mother
It was good for dad and mother
And it's good enough for me. *Refrain*

It was good for the Hebrew children
It was good for the Hebrew children
It was good for the Hebrew children
It's good enough for me. *Refrain*

It will take us all to heaven
It will take us all to heaven
It will take us all to heaven
It's good enough for me. *Refrain*

SCRIPTURE The 23rd Psalm

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou *art* with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

MEDITATION "Your Own Church in the Wildwood"

SOLO "The Church in the Wildwood" John Murelle

SCRIPTURE Acts 16:12-15

MEDITATION "The Age-Old Waters of Healing"

*HYMN "I Went Down in the River to Pray"

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sisters let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sisters let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O brothers let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,

Come on brothers let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

O sinners let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down,
O sinners let's go down,
Down in the river to pray.

As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!

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.

*HYMN (insert) “*Standing on the Promises*” vs. 1, 2

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

*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.**

SCRIPTURE 2 Kings 2:8-15

MEDITATION “The Jordan is the Ohio”

*HYMN (insert) “*Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*”

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF SENDING

Mary Luti, *Emerge*

One: Our worship has ended, but its gifts remain;

Many: Tuck its praise inside you. Take its goodness with you.

One: Drink from its wells of lasting peace. Live by its light, its courage and grace, and don't be afraid.

Many: Seek to serve. In plenty or want, find ways to share.

One: Discern the truth and tell it, resist all wrong and don't be afraid.

Many: Regard all people as your people.

One: In hard times and good, take care of yourself, take care of your people, and don't be afraid.

**All: And may the blessing of God, our life,
the friendship of Christ, our healer,
and the daring of the Spirit, our truth,
be ours today, and every day to come. Amen!**

SOLO

“Revive Us Again”

John Murelle

POSTLUDE

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Anthony Showalter/arr. Victor Labenske

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

Thanks to our soloist today, John Murelle.

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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 20, 2023

Sunday	8/20/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	8/21/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	8/22/23	11:00 am 5:00 pm	Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	8/23/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	8/24/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	8/25/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	8/26/23		
Sunday	8/27/23	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 Sharon & Bob Wyman.
- ◆ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse today** were given by Roy Thomas in memory of Jeanette Thomas. They were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ◆ **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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