

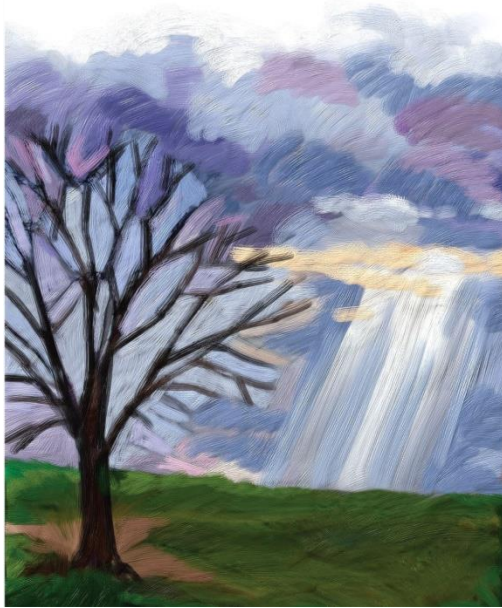
# *West Parish of Barnstable*

*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**

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

March 17, 2024

10:00 a.m.

*“For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

I Corinthians 1:18

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

Pastor Reed Baer

\*HYMN #12 (Green)

*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

ST. DENIO

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Friends, this is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.*

**Many: It is the place where God reaches down into the corners of our lives, to offer us the mystery of holy love.**

*One: This is the place where prophets cry out for peace and justice and righteousness.*

**Many: This is the place where we are trained, equipped and empowered to take God's love for the world and all its peoples with us when we go.**

*One: This is no ordinary gathering.*

**Many: This is no ordinary place: this is the house of God.**

PRELUDE

Wondrous Love - Variation 3

Robert Lau

*"to bear the heavy cross for my soul..."*

UNISON PRAYER

**Creating God, still center of the world you have made, we come to you in this season of turning and returning.**

**We do not know how to seek you with our whole hearts, but we know you are our source and our destiny.**

**In the midst of life, we turn toward you.**

**We thank you that you receive even the broken heart, the troubled conscience, the conflicted spirit. Amen.**

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 WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

SOLO Within The Shadow of The Cross  
Don Besig & Nancy Price

MESSAGE “*The Cross That Gets in the Way*” Pastor Reed

## THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS

\*HYMN #189 (Green) “*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*” ST. CHRISTOPHER

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.  
We now accept Venmo. QR code and instructions are on the back page.*

OFFERTORY Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross  
James Denton / Tune by Wm. H. Doane

\*SONG OF PRAISE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow!  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God above ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\*HYMN #482 (Green) “*Forward Through the Ages*” ST. GERTRUDE

WORDS OF SENDING

POSTLUDE

May The Road Rise To Meet You

Traditional Celtic/Lee Dengler

*(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.**

***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 \$12 per plant by Monday, March 18, 2024.

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

*(please circle one)* in memory / honor / celebration of:

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The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship service.

## 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:*

**Karolina Atsalis** (friend of the Abrahams)  
**Margaret and Bill Brummel** (Roger Henson's sister and brother-in-law)  
**Doug Clay** (brother of Sharon Hunt)  
**Nancy Komenda** (friend of Carol Allen)  
**Alice Eck**  
**Betsy Eidem** (friend of Carol Allen)  
**Ned Flynn** (Ted's father)  
**Rev. David Good** (friend of Elaine Brouillard)  
**Jay Griffin** (Peggie Bretz' brother)  
**Sharon Griffin** (Peggie Bretz' sister-in-law)  
**Steve Howland**  
**Buzz Kolbe** (step brother of Betsy Miller)  
**Martha Lant** (sister-in-law of Peggie Bretz)  
**Adrienne Locklear** (family of Kelly and Macayla Washburn)  
**Mac MacLaren**  
**Norma McElhenny** (friend of Jane Ketchen)  
**Judy Moakler** (friend of Jane Ketchen)  
**Peggy Nelson**  
**Paul** (friend of Ellen and Tom Davis)  
**Margaret Parker** (grandchild of Lynn and Randy Parker)  
**Sylvia Powers** (friend of Barbara Rogers)  
**Savanna Ramotar** (friend of Sharon Hunt)  
**Blake Schroeder** (friend of Robin Fryer)  
**Joanne Stubbins**  
**Alexis Teixeira** (cousin of Barbara Walsh)  
**Pete Tufflie** (friend of Bob Wyman)  
**Gary Toye** (brother of Bobbie Jordan)  
**Mary-Ann Tu**  
**Linda Watson** (friend of Barbara Rogers)  
**Bruce and Tom White**  
**Nancy Woodman** (friend of Marianne Williams)  
**Sarah Woodruff** (niece of Peter and Betsy Smith)  
**Rev. Dr. Craig Yohn**

*Please notify the church office (508-362-4445) of any additions, deletions or changes you wish to make.*

## The Week of March 17, 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	3/17/24	10:00 am 11:15am	Worship New Member Orientation (J)
<b>Monday</b>	3/18/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/19/24	10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) FS CPR/AED Training (J) Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/20/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J) Faith on Tap @ Cape Cod Coffee 10 Evergreen Circle, Rt. 130, Mashpee
<b>Thursday</b>	3/21/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due FS Science (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	3/22/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	3/23/24	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	3/24/24	10:00 am	Worship

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

- ♦ **Please join us for fellowship at Coffee Hour in Jenkins Hall after worship.** Our host today is Robin Fryer.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the Meetinghouse** were arranged by Kelly Washburn.
- ♦ **The 2024 Flower Calendar is up!** Look for your special date(s) and sign up. Then send \$32 to the office and one of the members of the flower committee will put together an arrangement to put 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.

**Need to get connected? Wi-Fi: Meetinghouse Password: 1717Rooster**



**Venmo @WestParish** or scan the QR code.

To make a donation, simply scan the QR code with your phone's camera or search "@WestParish" on the Venmo app.

Be sure you select "West Parish of Barnstable" under the charity profiles.

If you would like your donation to go toward something specific like "Deacons", just note that in the description.

### **Church Staff**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
Donna Murphy, Music Director  
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Susan Moeller, Council Chair

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