

# *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**

5th Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*“My goal is that their hearts, having been knit together in love, may be encouraged, and that they may have all the riches that assurance brings in their understanding of the knowledge of the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”*

Colossians 2:2 New English Translation

All are invited to stay for the full service today.  
Saturday School is offered for our children and youth at our 4:30 Saturday 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 #590 (Green)

*“Great is Thy Faithfulness”*

### RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.”*

**All: We believe and we have questions and we wonder what is happening in our lives and in this world.**

*One: Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”*

**All: We love you and we try to keep your commandments.**

*One: Jesus said, “Peace, I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”*

**All: We need peace in our lives. We are here in this place because we believe, we love, and we seek peace. Let us worship together.**

PRELUDE

Berceuse

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

### UNISON PRAYER

**Holy and Living God, weave us together us into a spiritual house, a gathering of witnesses for the world and in the world to declare your goodness, to follow in your way, to do the work of your hands, voice, and heart. Renew our spirits as we worship you and bask in your presence. Fill us with your Spirit that we collectively proclaim ourselves as your people, called to the fullness of your glorious and radiant being. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 35:24-26

KNIT AND PURL The West Parish Players Who Promise To Keep Us In Stitches

SOLO

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 2:2

SERMON

“Stick to Your Knitting”

Pastor Reed

**THE CONGREGATION RESPONDS**

\*HYMN #375 (Green)

“Weave” (x3)

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.**

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Susan Moeller

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, the qr code and instructions are on the back page.*

OFFERTORY

Pour L'Organiste/CM

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

\*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

## THE BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED

Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ's presence.

We will celebrate communion by intinction; come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it into the cup, and consume it on the way back to your seat. If you would prefer to be served where you sit, raise your hand and the deacons will come to you.

For those who prefer, please take the packaged communion-to-go.

(We offer a gluten-free, wheat-free alternative – in the plastic bags – for those whose diet so requires. We serve cranberry juice out of respect for those who cannot consume alcohol.)

## INVITATION

## THE COMMUNION PRAYER

## THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

## RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*One: Eternal and gracious One, though we live in a world of need,*

**Many: here we have tasted your goodness and hungered for a world more just.**

*One: Though afflicted by brokenness and division,*

**Many: here we have heard your call to be a people of healing community.**

*One: Though daily we touch our limits,*

**Many: here we have received the fullness of your grace.**

*One: Send us forth, O God,*

**Many: in faith, in hope, and in love. Amen.**

## GOD SENDS US FORTH

\*HYMN #325 (Green)

*"Now Let Us From This Table Rise"*

## WORDS OF FAREWELL

## POSTLUDE

You Shall Go Out With Joy!

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

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

\* All who wish, please stand.

Thank you to Charlene Higbe for being our substitute music director today.



## 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

*Donna Grohe*

*Tripp Grohe*

*Christopher Allen* (Carol & David Allen's grandson)  
*Karolina Atsalis* (friend of Rich and Lauren Abraham)  
*Matt Burch* (son-in-law of Suzanne McMillan)  
*Emy and Yessica* (friends of Christie Burns)  
*Rudy Giannetti* (friend of Paula King)  
*Sarah and Cody Hudspeth* (Sharon Hunt's niece and her husband)  
*Clyde Hunt* (brother of John Hunt)  
*Gina Jacinto* (Joanna Wallace's friend)  
*Nelson Jenkins* (Tripp Grohe's friend)  
*Dave & Barbara Kern* (friends of Joanna Wallace)  
*Sue Maki* (Joanna Wallace's friend)  
*Jason Miller* (Robin and Jim Miller's son)  
*Greg Opp* (family member of Bobbie Jordan)  
*Randy Parker*  
*Carol Polidoro*  
*Gary Toye* (Bobbie Jordan's brother)  
*Marvin Toye* (Bobbie Jordan's brother)  
*Roy Urbach* (friend of Karen Datlowe)  
*Joanna Wallace*

*Please notify the church office of any additions, deletions, or changes you wish to make.  
Call 508-362-4445, email [office@westparish.org](mailto:office@westparish.org), leave a note, or stop on by.*

### The Week of May 3, 2026

<b>Sunday</b>	5/3/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	5/4/26	3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	1717 MHF (G) AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	5/5/26	11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) WITS at Pastor Christie's
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/6/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	5/7/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	5/8/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (J) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	5/9/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	5/10/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)

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

- ♦ **Please join us in Jenkins Hall after worship for Coffee Hour.** Our hosts today are Ellen and Frank Wolak.
- ♦ **The flowers gracing the altar today** were given by Peter and Betsy Smith in loving memory of family and loved ones. They were arranged by Susan Jeghelian.
- ♦ **The 2026 Flower Calendar** is up on the sign-up board in Jenkins Hall. Please sign up for sponsoring the flowers along with a dedication. The cost is \$32 and can be paid by cash, check, Vanco, or Venmo with "Flowers" in the memo. One of the members of the flower committee will contact you about the arrangement.
- ♦ **The Coffee Hour Host sign up** is on the board next to the kitchen pass thru window in Jenkins Hall. If you can spare a little of your time to help 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.



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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 such as "Deacons Fund", just note that in the description.

### **Church Staff**

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher  
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