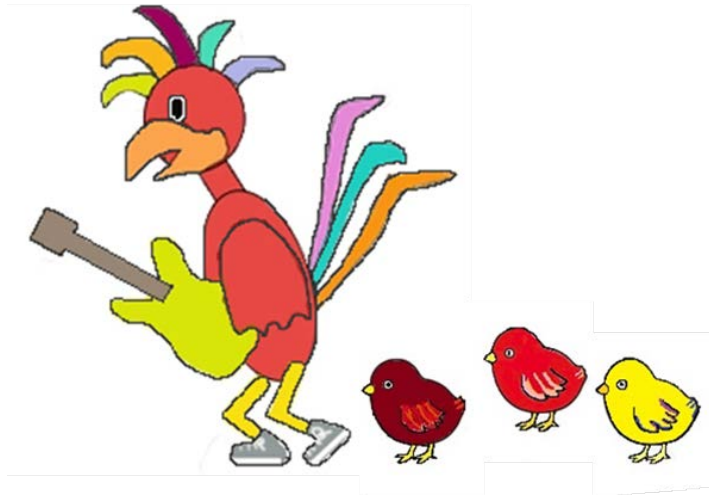


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 8, 2022

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We are:

PROGRESSIVELY UNTRADITIONAL: 21st century minds in a 1717 Meetinghouse!

Embrace diversity.

JOYOUSLY INCLUSIVE: Radically open and affirming, all ages, races, gender and sexual orientation, everyone is welcome exactly as you are.

EXPRESSLY "ON THE WAY": Faith is a journey. Journey with us!

COMMITTEDLY IN THE COMMUNITY: In helping others, we become our true selves.

GOD GATHERS US



*OPENING SONG #327 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry
**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons swell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the word, I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one.
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk to rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not to old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.**

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes.
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

WELCOME

Pastor Heidi Champagne

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit or you have been here for years. We are glad you are here with us today. Hello, I'm Heidi, here's Steve and together we are

**All: ONE diverse community
Growing up in faith
Reaching out in love**

One: It is good when God's people are together here, and so we can rejoice, because,

All: It's Saturday, Let's do church!



CALL TO WORSHIP

Beginning with Beloved A Blessing

Beloved.

**Is there any other word
needs saying,
any other blessing
could compare
with this name,
this knowing?**

Beloved.

**Comes like a mercy
to the ear that has never
heard it.**

**Comes like a river
to the body that has never
seen such grace.**

Beloved.

**Comes holy
to the heart
aching to be new.**

**Comes healing
to the soul
wanting to begin
again.**

Beloved.

**Keep saying it
and though it may
sound strange at first,
watch how it becomes
part of you,
how it becomes you,
as if you never
could have known yourself
anything else,
as if you could ever
have been other
than this:**

Beloved.

-Jan Richardson

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God of beloved creation, open our eyes, our ears and our hearts so that we might hear your still speaking voice in our midst. Amen.

Forgive often.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (we will sing this in echo fashion)

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 all our sins...

And lead us not...into temptation.... but deliver us from evil.

Unison:

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

Echo:

Forever.....and ever....

Our Father....who art in Heaven....hallowed be thy name.

A TIME OF PRAYER



A TIME FOR CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

A SONG OF PRAYER

INVITATION TO SHARING OUR GIFTS

Text to Give instructions are on page 8.

Care for the poor.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

**THE BREAD OF LIFE
AND THE CUP OF NEW BEGINNINGS
ARE SHARED**



(Our service of communion is open to all seeking Christ's presence.
Whether children receive the elements we leave to their parents' discretion.)
We shall be receiving communion by the ancient practice of intinction.
Come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it in the cup,
and consume it on the way back to your seat.

INVITATION

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We offer a covid-safe communion cup and wafer system of grape juice and cracker.)

On the night before he died, Jesus took break, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to those sitting around him, saying, "*take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*" In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: "*This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*The children and their teachers may now go over to Jenkins Hall
for their Saturday School.*

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Born On The Bayou

John Fogarty



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

MEDITATION

Beloved--who? me??!

Pastor Heidi

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #162

We Three Kings of Orient Are

**We three Kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

Refrain

**O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Born a king on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never over us all to reign.**

Refrain

**Frankincense to offer have I, incense owns a deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God on high.**

Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom:
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now behold him rise, King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING



Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Rob Leveridge

Go in peace

Go in kindness

Go in love

Go in faith

Leave the day

The day behind us

Day is done

Go in grace

Let us go

Into the dark

Not afraid

Not alone

Let us hope

By some good pleasure

Safely to

Arrive at home

Let us hope

By some good pleasure

Safely to

Arrive at home.

WE ARE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!

All people, young and old and in-between, are lifted up wherever they are on the journey. We look forward to worshipping with you again soon!

Pastors Christie Burns and Reed Baer

Thank you to Reverend Heidi Champagne for leading us in worship today. Rev. Heidi is currently the Pastor of North Community Church, UCC in Marshfield Hills. When not pandemic pastoring, Heidi enjoys long walks in nature with her family and their 84 lb lap dog Maurice, as well as yoga and meditation.

Our "Saturday School" is underway, a special class for our youngsters, held over in Jenkins Hall, led by Pastor Reed and an adult lay teacher/volunteer, during the last 20 minutes of the service. Interested in joining in as a teacher or an extra pair of hands, speak to Reed after church.

Christie holds coffee hours by appointment at Nirvana Coffee shop in Barnstable Village or Snowy Owl in Sandwich. Call, text, or email her for an appointment: 508-494-6409; associatepastor@westparish.org



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Text to Give!

West Parish is now accepting donations via text! 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 and enter your contact and payment information, and 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!

Week of January 8, 2022

Saturday	1/8/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/9/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	1/10/22	12:45 pm 5:00 pm	Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Tuesday	1/11/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J) Study Group (G)
Wednesday	1/12/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J)
Thursday	1/13/22	9:15 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	1/14/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	1/15/22	4:30 pm	Worship

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