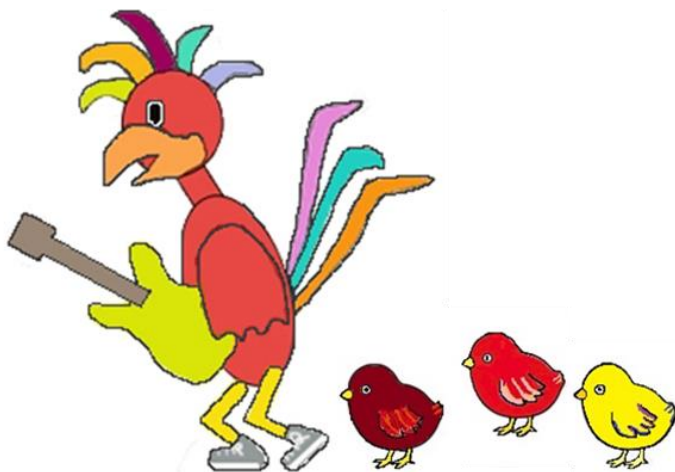


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 12

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Blessings and Woes

Fight for the powerless.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh" Luke 6:21

"Blessed are you when people hate you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven." Luke 6:23

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 #442 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield you, you will find a solace there.

WELCOME

Pastor

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 whether joining us online or in person. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, Pastor Reed is helping out with tech and teaching, and 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

One: Blessed are those who follow God's way.

All: They are like a tree planted by streams of water.

One: It does not fear when heat comes.

All: It is not anxious when in times of drought.

One: Like such a tree, we trust in God.

All: We know that God watches over all of us.

One: Come, let us worship God:

All: Who is the source of life in all seasons.

OPENING PRAYER based on the Beatitudes for St. Joseph's School/UK

God of the prophets, God of Christ, we are reminded today that your blessings do not necessarily follow the logic of the world.

The world believes that the rich are blessed, but Jesus reminds us that the poor are blessed, the poor in spirit and the materially as well. We pray for a more just world, in which all have enough, and none are left behind.

Though we fear death and avoid it's inevitable arrival, Jesus tells us that those who mourn are blessed. Help us to experience the truth of this mystery; bringing healing and wholeness to those who are sick; and comfort to those who have lost loved ones.

While people covet power, Jesus blesses the meek. Instruct us, O God, in the ways of humility; help us to stand in solidarity with the oppressed and marginalized; show us your presence in the faces of those the world forgets.

In a society divided by race, gender, class, ideology, sexual orientation, and so many other labels we alone have created, remind us that we are created in your image, each of us a beautiful reflection of you, each a beloved child.

Gracious God, helps us to be the salt of the earth, the light of the world, sharing with others that which we have received, boldly proclaiming the good news of your love, finding the seeds of your kingdom within us, and letting your way grow in our lives and throughout the world. 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 10.

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.)

INVITATION

One: Come, let us celebrate the supper of the Lord!

All: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst."

One: Before us on the table are the ageless symbols of Christ's life given for us.

All: In the earth was the seed; in the seed was the grain; in the grain was the harvest; in the harvest was the bread; in the bread there is life!

One: In the earth was the vine; on the vine was the fruit; in the fruit was the juice; in the harvest was the wine; in the wine is love!

All: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

We thank you, God, Creator of us all; from the beginning you made the world and all its creatures. You made people to live for you and for one another. We praise you, O God. You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden; you showed Noah a rainbow; you gave Moses strength to free your people and taught Miriam to sing; you gave courage to Esther and loyalty to Ruth; you gave David a harp to sing your praise, and helped him defeat the giant. We praise you, O God.

Yet, even they turned away from you and forgot about you, as we do too. But you do not forget.

You sent Jesus to the world to show how much you love us and to bring us back to you again. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving blessing it, 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.”*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of mystery and grace, we rejoice that you have gathered us in communion with you and with one another. Send us forth with courage renewed and friendships strengthened, to love as we have been loved, to heal as we have been healed, to bring your reconciling forgiveness to others, thy kingdom come, on heaven and on earth. Amen.



Enjoy this life.

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

I Went up to the Mountain

Patti Griffin



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 6:17-26

MEDITATION

Blessings and Woes

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Guide My Feet While I Run This Race

**Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**

**Hold my hand while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Hold my hand while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Hold my hand while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**

**Stand by me while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Stand by me while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Stand by me while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)**

I'm your child while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
I'm your child while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
I'm your child while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Search my heart while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Search my heart while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Search my heart while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Guide my feet while I run this race, yes, my Lord!
Guide my feet while I run this race,
for I don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

WORDS OF SENDING (based on Matthew 20:1-16)

Go out from here
as workers in God's upside-down kingdom,
where the last are first and the first are last,
where needs are met in miraculous ways,
and there is grace enough for all!

And may the blessing of God,
the love of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
surround you and sustain you in the coming days.

Amen.



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

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



by recycling this bulletin.

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 February 12, 2022

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| Saturday | 2/12/22 | 4:30 pm | Worship |
| Sunday | 2/13/22 | 10:00 am | Worship |
| Monday | 2/14/22 | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 2/15/22 | 9:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 10:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 11:45 am | Music Lessons (M) |
| | | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| | | 6:00 pm | Study Group (G) |
| | | 7:00 pm | Finance (J) |
| Wednesday | 2/16/22 | 9:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 10:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 12:00 pm | Bible Study (Zoom) |
| | | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Thursday | 2/17/22 | 9:15 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 1:00 pm | Bridge Group (G) |
| | | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| | | 7:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Friday | 2/18/22 | 9:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 10:30 am | FS Science (J) |
| | | 10:30 am | Knitting Group (G) |
| | | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Saturday | 2/19/22 | 4:30 pm | Worship |

Church Staff

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BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

