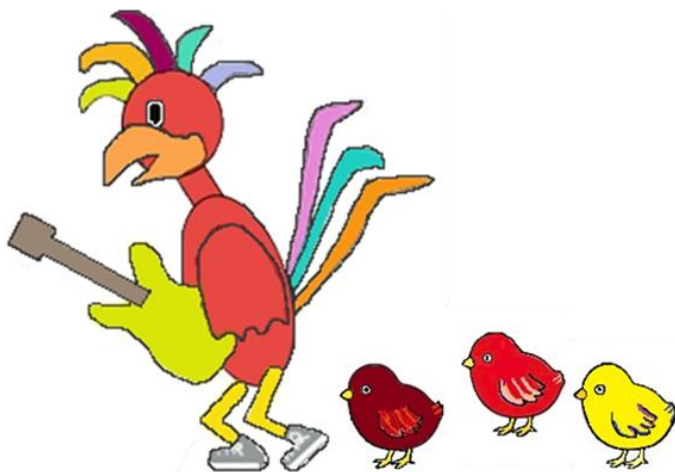


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

**WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

February 19

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Love Your Enemies

Fight for the powerless.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If another strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also..." Luke 6:27-28

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

Step by Step

**Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You
Oh God, You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days
(repeat, then)
I will follow You all of my days
And I will follow You all of my days...
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days!
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days!**

WELCOME

Pastor Christie Burns

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 we have John Williams as our guest musician 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 (Worship Ways, Susan Blain)

One: Where do we find you, Holy One, and how do we follow?

Find me at your table,

All: We'll share your food

One: Find me in your resources,

All: We'll share your riches

One: Find me in your power,

All: We'll share your mercy

One: Find me in your pain,

All: We'll share your forgiveness

One: Find me in your generosity,

All: We'll share all, and expect nothing in return

OPENING PRAYER

**Holy One, you are deep within our world,
calling us to join you in creating
abundant life for all.**

Open our hearts to recognize you

**Free us to trust your call and follow;
Enable us to repent, and forgive,
and join in your work to make “all things new”.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Holy One, your call is deceptively simple:
“Do to others as you would have them do to you”
And yet we cling to self-serving ways
which separate us from your beloved creation:

You call us to turn our lives around,
to risk repentance and learn forgiveness,
to work with patience and diligence to prepare the way for your Reign,
but we get discouraged and give up too soon.

Lord, have mercy.

You call us to be full of joyful confidence
to create community where all have enough for abundant life,
but we burden ourselves with anxiety and fear.

Christ, have mercy.

You call us to speak out in the presence of injustice,
but too often we do not challenge words and actions rooted in hate:

Holy One, have mercy

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our God is good, and generous, and loving:
Trust in Jesus’ promise:
“Give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together, running over,
will be put into your lap;
for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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!

A horizontal banner with a background of a sunset or sunrise over water. The text "Enjoy this life." is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font across the center of the banner.

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 Saturday School.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

True Colors



Reject racism.

SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 6:27-38

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING

My friends, diverse children of God, you are light, and salt, and citizens.

You are the light of the world.

Let your light so shine

That others may see the good things you do and glorify God.

You are the salt of the world.

Go out into the world to bring out the best in it.

You are citizens of a city on a hill.

Be a source of healing and welfare for those who look to you.

This is who you are. Now go out and live it!

God's blessings go with you,
now and always.

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

 *Protect the environment.* 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 19, 2022

Saturday	2/19/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/20/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	2/21/22		Office Closed
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	2/22/22	11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:00 pm	Study Group (G)
Wednesday	2/23/22	12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	2/24/22	1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	2/25/22	10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	2/26/22	4:30 pm	Worship

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