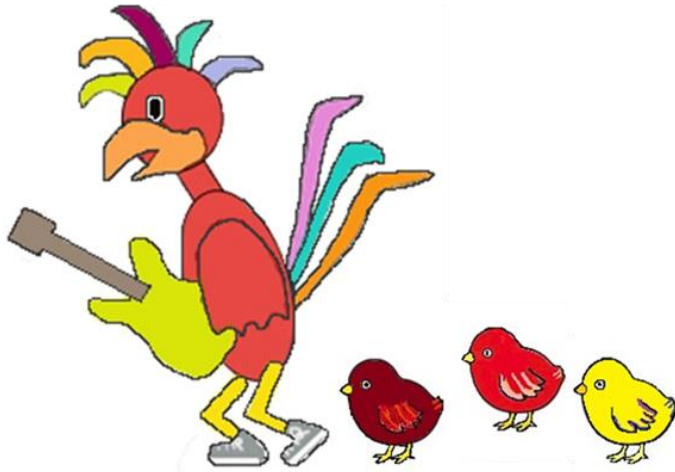


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

February 26

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Mountain Top Experiences

Fight for the powerless.

"While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them: and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is My Son, my Chosen: listen to him.'" - Luke 9:34-35

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 #35 Glory be to God on High

Glory be to God on high, Alleluia!

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!

Peace and blessing Cod has given, Alleluia!

Earth repeat the songs of heaven, Alleluia!

Creatures of the field and flood, Alleluia!

Earth and sea cry "God is good," Alleluia!

Toiling pilgrims raise the song, Alleluia!

Saints in light the strain prolong, Alleluia!

Stars that have no voice to raise, Alleluia!

Give to God their radiant praise, Alleluia!

Silent powers angels' song, Alleluia!

All unto our God belong, Alleluia!

WELCOME

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 Steve Gregory as are 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, Rev. Dr. David Bahr)

One: Something drew us together this morning

All: Something we can't name but which we experience in worship

One: Some holy mystery we call God

All: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus

One: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit

All: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and fears and prepare us to love the world.

OPENING PRAYER

**O God, you are beyond words and description,
your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.**

Make our hearts ready to receive you.

Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration.

We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory.

But then Peter wanted to stay.

“It’s good for us to be here. Let’s get comfortable.”

We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain to continue the work of the Kingdom of God.

God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

**All: God of glory and light,
forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable
with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves.
Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege.
Keep expecting more of us as your disciples.
Keep reminding us to listen to your Son,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens or a still small voice in our hearts, listen carefully for the love of God.

Believe and accept God’s love and live in God’s freedom.

All: We believe! Thanks be to God!

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!



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 teachers may now go over to Jenkins Hall for Saturday School.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Up to the Mountain

Patty Griffin



Reject racism.

SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 9:28-43a

POEM

“At the Bottom”

by Thom Shuman

MEDITATION

From the Mountaintop to the Valley

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



Ain't no mountain high
Ain't no valley low
Ain't no river wide enough

If you need me, call me
No matter where you are
No matter how far
Just call my name
I'll be there in a hurry
You don't have to worry

Refrain

Cause baby there
Ain't no mountain high enough
Ain't no valley low enough
Ain't no river wide enough
To keep me from getting to you, babe

Remember the day
I set you free
I told you you could always count on me
From that day on, I made a vow
I'll be there when you want me
Some way, some how

Refrain

My love is alive
Way down in my heart
Although we are miles apart
If you ever need a helping hand
I'll be there on the double
Just as fast as I can

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING

May God now send us back down the mountain of our worship.

We have been changed.

We can't be silent anymore.

We have seen the Light of the World.

Go and share the radiance of love!



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

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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!

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Week of February 26, 2022

Saturday	2/26/22	4:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	2/27/22	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Church Council
Monday	2/28/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Study Group (G)
Tuesday	3/1/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (Zoom) AA (J)
Wednesday	3/2/22	9:15 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J) AA (J)
Thursday	3/3/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Friday	3/4/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	3/5/22	4:30 pm	Worship Service

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OF CHRIST**

