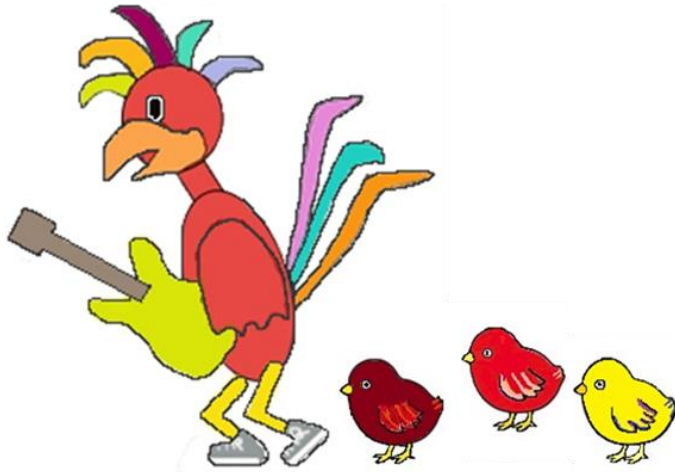


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 19

4:30 p.m.

**BE THE CHURCH**

Keep the Fig Tree

**Fight for the powerless.**

*"He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if it does not, cut it down.'" Luke 13:8-9*

## 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 #493 *In the Bulb There is a Flower*

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

## 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 our 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)

*One: Come, everyone who thirsts,  
Come to the waters. Come to the wells.*

**All: Our souls thirst for you, O God.**

**We lift up our hands and call on your name**

*One: Come, without money. Come without cost.  
Incline your ears and listen for good news.*

**All: Our flesh faints for you, O God.**

**Our lips sing praises, beholding your glory.**

*One: Come, eat good food. Come, feast upon true riches.  
Be filled with that which sustains you.*

**All: Our souls are satisfied in you, O God.**

**In the shadow of your wings, we sing with joy.**

## OPENING PRAYER

**Author of abundance, God of change, we come into this hour with holy expectations. As we travel on our journey of transformation this Lenten season,**

we know that you are with us. You walk beside us. Your presence surrounds us. Help us to bear fruit as we walk this road. Remind us that you will never leave us nor forsake us, that your rod and your staff comfort us, that you have prepared a feast for us when all can come and eat. Keep us forever in the path as we worship you in spirit and in truth. 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

When things become cross-shaped and the way pulls us forward beyond where we have been before,

**When our nourishment is found in bread and wine for the journey and not a celebration at the end of anything.**

When our souls recoil with the thought of what lies ahead and the story we have to hear once more and the crumbling away of heaven's promises:

**Meet us here, O God, at the table of suffering and sacrifice**

**Of promise and future**

**And open our eyes to the shape of that future.**

**Meet us here where everything we believe**

**Becomes real and all on which we stake our faith becomes tangible**

**In bread, in wine, in being here today.**

**Enjoy this life.**

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

**Because it matters**

**We all matter**

**Because bread and wine matter**

**All are welcome here**

**To taste and see the good things God is doing.  
Welcome to the table of life.**

#### 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 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 bread and wine,  
Jesus, resurrection’s promise,  
Spirit, voice in the wilderness,  
We meet you in the bread and the wine  
To tell salvation’s story.**

**We listen, we wait and we lift up our thanksgiving for all you have done and will be, doing for justice and life, for truth and forgiveness, for promise and salvation.  
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

*Don't Stop Believing*

Steve Perry



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 13:1-9

MEDITATION

Keep the Fig Tree

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #512 *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;  
let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

WORDS OF SENDING



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](mailto:associatepastor@westparish.org)



by recycling this bulletin.

### Text to Give!

We are excited to announce that West Parish accepts donations via text! It's easy:

1. Text 866-593-7761 (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 March 19, 2022

<b>Saturday</b>	3/19/22	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	3/20/22	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	3/21/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/22/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/23/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom & G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	3/24/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	3/25/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 pm	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	3/26/22	4:30 pm	Worship Service

# 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**

