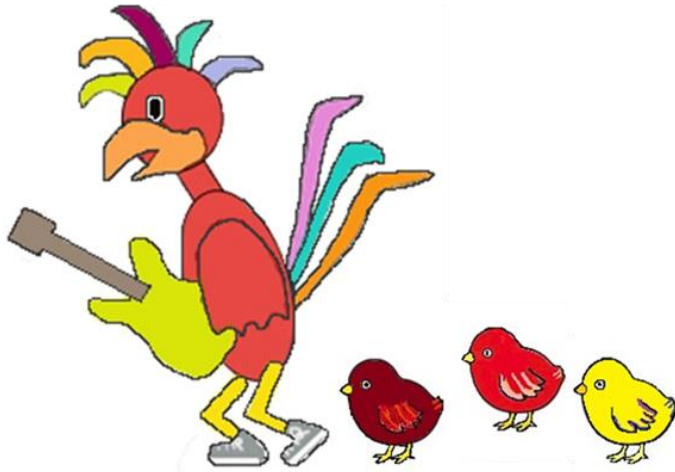


**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

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

April 9

4:30 p.m.

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Palm Saturday**

**Fight for the powerless.**

*"He sent two of the disciples saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying the colt?" just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"* - Luke 19:30-31

## 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 #179 “Ride On, Ride on in Majesty!”

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**Hark! all the crowds hosanna cry;**  
**through waving branches slowly ride,**  
**O Savior, to be crucified.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**In lowly pomp ride on to die;**  
**O Christ, your triumph now begin**  
**o’er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!**  
**The winged squadrons of the sky**  
**look down with sad and wondering eyes**  
**to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Your last and fiercest foe defy;  
bow your meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O Christ, your power and reign.**

## 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 (have your palms ready)

We join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city riding humbly on a donkey.

**(Louder) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Jesus' followers were excited, filled with anticipation. Yet, within a few short days, they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened, unwilling to follow as far as Christ would have them go.

**(Softer) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!**

We, too, long to join the triumphal procession, only to find ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future, reluctant to accept the way of the cross.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Yet this Palm Saturday we receive palm branches, a reminder of the welcome offered to Jesus as he traveled towards the cross.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!**

Like the crowd in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, we take our palm branches and greet Jesus shouting:

**(very loud) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!**

OPENING PRAYER

**Merciful God, as we enter into Holy Week and gather in your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Bring us at the last with him and all the faithful to your new Jerusalem, your kingdom of peace and justice for all. We ask it in the name of Jesus. 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: Because there is one bread, we who are many make one body,

**All: for we all partake of the one bread.**

One: In Christ, God breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves, and divide us from one another.

**All: We are the body of Christ.**

One: At this table, we bear witness to our faith.

**All: At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness, and healing to our world.**

**All: Let us break bread together.**

# Enjoy this life.

## PRAYER OF COMMUNION

**Loving God, you made this wonderful world for us to enjoy. You showed our ancestors how to care for one another. You gave us Jesus to be our friend and to bring us closer to you. He died on a cross, but you brought him to life, to live with us forever. You send us your Spirit and bring us to this table so that we can share your love. For all the goodness we give you thanks, and together we give you praise.**

## 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 bread, 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.”*

## UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ’s life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith. Amen.**

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

## THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

*Put Your Hand in the Hand*

Gene MacEllen



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 19:28-40

POEM

Mary Oliver

MEDITATION

*The Lord Needs this Colt*

Rev. Christie Burns

### GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #178

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the true and blessed One;  
to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.  
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

WORDS OF SENDING

May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination;  
The strength of Christ, stronger than our need;

And the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
Richer than our togetherness; guide us and sustain us  
Today and in all our tomorrows. 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](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 April 9, 2022

<b>Saturday</b>	4/9/22	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	4/10/22	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	4/11/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/12/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		12:00 pm	1717 MHF (Zoom)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	4/13/22	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>	4/14/22	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>	4/15/22		<b>Office Closed</b>
		10:30 pm	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	4/16/22		
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	4/17/22	7:30 am	Worship in the Garden Chapel
		10:00 am	Worship in the Meetinghouse
			Easter Egg Hunt after Worship

## ***Sign up for Easter flowers!***



Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?  
Please fill out the form below and drop off or mail it to the church office  
with \$10 per plant by April 13, 2022.

Given by

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*(please circle one)* in memory / honor / celebration of:

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The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. 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**

