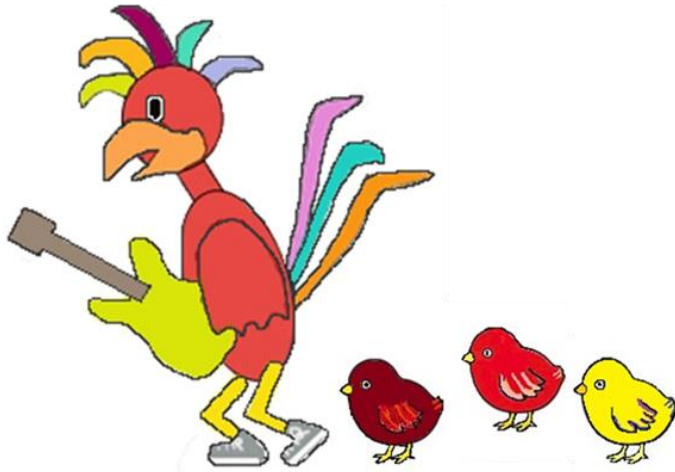


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

April 23

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Thomas

Fight for the powerless.

"Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'" John 20:27-28

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 #439 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Refrain

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,

Out of God’s mouth came fire and smoke.

Looked all around me, it looked so fine,

I asked my Lord if all were mine.

Refrain

O Jordan river is chilly and cold,

it chills the body, not the soul.

There’s only one train upon this track;

it runs to heaven, then right back.

Refrain

O I have heartache and I have woe,
and I have trouble here below.
But while God leads me, I'll never fear,
for I am sheltered by God's care.

Refrain

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

One: In the shadow of resurrection.

All: we will live out our faith.

One: in the crumbs of broken bread,

All: we will proclaim Christ is risen.

One: In the wine of the supper,

All: we will trust the promise of grace.

One: In the community of the empty tomb,

All: we will believe what the world does not believe.

One: In the gravestone now rolled away,

All: we will break out in the joy of resurrection.

One: Come, let us worship.

OPENING PRAYER

We are your witnesses, O God,

That, in you, suffering and death do not have the final word.

Praise be to you, for the dawning of this new day and the closing of this evening in a few short hours;

Today let us remember that gentleness rules over might,

Spirit makes a way for true community,

And love always wins. This is the day you have given to us and we rejoice and are glad in it. 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

Good Friday is past, we celebrate on this side of the cross, and we speak of life from death.

Come now to the feast of life that takes all our past and redeems it with life.

Come to the table for the host is waiting with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

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

Jesus—companion and Savior—unfold of alleluias, here is our thanksgiving gathering with all those who have ever gathered around this table meeting your promise in this story that pulls death from the world and redeems it with life. May this bread break open your wondrous story. As we share it, we give thanks for what has been done for us. May this juice spill your promise into this world. As we share it we give thanks for what you have done for us.

In our living may we live as the Body of Christ within the new covenant sealed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Amen.

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Have a Little Faith

John Hiatt



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 20:19-31

MEDITATION

Scars and Doubts

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #400 *There is a Balm in Gilead*

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved and set me free!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**My God has promised good to me,
whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

**When we've been here ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

WORDS OF SENDING by Peter Heynes

"Peace be with you," Jesus says to us in this room.

"As the Father sent me, so I send you."

No doubt or fear can lock God out of our lives.

Remember that as you leave this place,
sent forward to live by faith.

And may these words echo through your mind, as well:

*"Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have come to believe."*

And all God's people said, "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!

We are excited to announce that West Parish accepts 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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Donna Murphy, Music Director

Kristen Lind, Family School Director

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Week of April 30, 2022

Saturday	4/30/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/1/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	5/2/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	5/3/22	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)
Wednesday	5/4/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		4:00 pm	FS Faculty (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	5/5/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	5/6/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 pm	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	5/7/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/8/22	10:00 am	Worship

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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**

