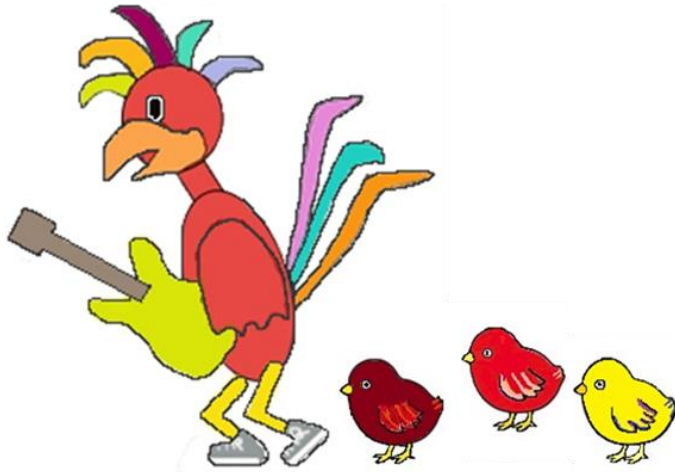


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 1, 2022

4:30 p.m.

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Fight for the powerless.**

Sweet Potato Pie

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness.” - Matthew 23:23

## 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

Lean On Me

Bill Withers

Sometimes in our lives

We all have pain

We all have sorrow

But if we are wise

We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me

When you're not strong

And I'll be your friend

I'll help you carry on...

For it won't be long

Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride

If I have things you need to borrow

For no one can fill

Those of your needs that you won't let show

You just call on me brother when you need a hand

We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand  
We all need somebody to lean on

Lean on me  
When you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend  
I'll help you carry on...

For it won't be long  
Till I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

You just call on me brother  
When you need a hand  
We all need somebody to lean on

I just might have a problem that you'll understand  
We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load you have to bear  
That you can't carry

I'm right up the road  
I'll share your load  
If you just call me

Call me  
If you need a friend  
(Call me)  
Call me (call me)  
If you need a friend  
(Call me)  
If you ever need a friend  
(Call me)  
Call me  
(Call me) Call me  
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If you need a friend  
(Call me)  
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WELCOME

Pastor Christie

*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. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, Pastor Reed is back thanks be to God, and here's Steve and the band 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: Come, let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving: Everything in us says*

**All: Thank you!**

*One: At worship in this sacred place we say it again:*

**All: Thank you!**

*One: For your love, for your faithfulness;*

**All: Thank you!**

*One: When earth's rulers hear what you have to say, O God, they'll sing of what you have done:*

**All: How great the glory of God!**

*One: Finish what you started in us, God. Your love is eternal - stay with us, now, that we may say:*

**All: Thank you!**

## OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, as your Son, our Savior was born of a Hebrew mother, but rejoiced in the faith of a Syrian woman and of a Roman soldier, welcomed the Greeks who sought him, and suffered a man from Africa to carry his cross:  
So teach us to regard the members of all races as fellow heirs of the kingdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.)  
We shall be receiving communion by the ancient practice of intinction.  
Come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it in the cup,  
and consume it on the way back to your seat.

INVITATION

The Holy One is here and we lift our hearts to the Lord. It is right to give thanks and praise. O God of many names, You made a covenant with Noah and caused nations, in their amazing diversity, to spread over the face of the earth. AS of old you led your people out of a land of enslavement to a land of promise, so, too, you led our ancestors, and some us, into new lands of possibility—there to find you anew.

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, in every aspect human as we are. He grew up in a small town in Galilee, far from the seat of religious and civil power. He spoke with an accent. He learned of the breadth of your grace from a Gentile mother. Beside Jacob's well, he was moved by an encounter with a minority woman and disclosed his messianic identity.

**Enjoy this life.**

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

**God, teach us to see like Jesus. To help us, we come to the table to remember how you loved your friends, and the world. Amen.**

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.*”

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

## THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

*I Won't Back Down*

Tom Petty



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 23:23-25

Lectionary reader: Kim Baker

MEDITATION

*Sweet Potato Pie*

Rev. Christine E. Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

Peter Scholtes

$\text{♩} = 56$

Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em



1 We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are  
2 We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will  
3 We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will  
4 All \_\_\_\_\_ praise to the Fa - ther, from \_\_\_\_\_ whom all things come; And all

5 Am D7/A Em D/E Em



one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we  
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -  
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll  
praise to Christ Je - sus, His \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Son. And all

9 Am D7/A Em D/E Em



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll  
geith - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land. And they'll  
guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save \_\_\_\_\_ each man's pride. And they'll  
praise to the Spir - it, who \_\_\_\_\_ makes \_\_\_\_\_ us \_\_\_\_\_ one. And they'll

13 C Em Am



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

17 Em Am D7/A Em



know \_\_\_\_\_ we are Chris - tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_



## WORDS OF SENDING

May God bless you and keep you. May God's handsome face wink at you from across the room, inviting you to the party. May God's Spirit inspire you to play in the midst of fear, to laugh in the midst of hate, to dance in the midst of injustice, doing everything you do in the name of Christ, with style and grace, until we turn the world upside down with love.

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 youth, 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 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Bread + Roses in Hyannis on Mondays. 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!

West Parish is now accepting 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!

**Week of October 1, 2022**

<b>Saturday</b>	10/1/22	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	10/2/22	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	10/3/22	11:30 am 5:00pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Bread + Roses AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/4/22	9:00 am 12:00 pm 1:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10/5/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Zoom) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	10/6/22	9:15 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Crafters (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	10/7/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) 3 Women Authors (M)
<b>Saturday</b>	10/8/22	11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	John Jenkins Funeral (M) Worship Service Bell Rehearsal (M)

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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**

