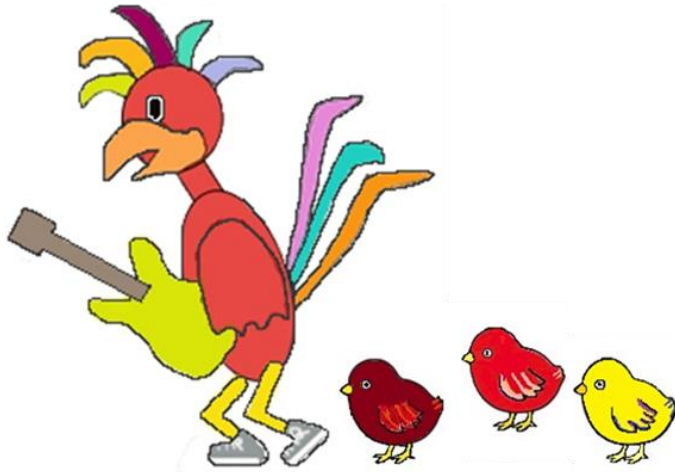


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 8, 2022

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

The Circle Game

And the seasons, they go round and round
And the painted ponies go up and down
We're captive on the carousel of time
We can't return, we can only look
Behind, from where we came
And go round and round and round, in the circle game
Lyrics to "Circle Game" by Joni Mitchell

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

Big Yellow Taxi

Joni Mitchell

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot

They paved paradise
and put up a parking lot
With a pink hotel, a boutique,
and a swinging hot spot

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot

They took all the trees,
and put 'em in a tree museum
And they charged the people
a dollar and a half just to see 'em

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone

They paved paradise, and put up a parking lot

Hey farmer, farmer, put away the DDT now
Give me spots on my apples but
Leave me the birds and the bees
Please!

Don't it always seem to go
That you don't know what you got 'til it's gone
They paved paradise and put up a parking lot

Hey now, they paved paradise to put up a parking lot
They paved paradise to put up a parking lot

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 John Williams 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

Written by Bob Thiele and George Wiess

One:

I see trees of green

Red roses too

I see them bloom

For me and you

And I think to myself

What a wonderful world

All:

I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

One:

The colors of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying
"I love you"

All:

I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll never know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world

OPENING PRAYER

Oh, what a wonderful world. O God, when we forget, teach us to look at babies who cry and see how they will grow. When we despair, remind us what a wonderful world it is. The colors of the rainbow are for everyone, those who despair, grieve or have lost everything as well as those of us who dance in the rain and laugh with families that love us deeply. You know what a wonderful world it is, because it is your creation and we are your creation as well. Remind us to see the beauty of the earth and to look into the mirror and see what beauty lies within us. 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 - *The God moment of the week invitation. Where have you seen or experienced God this week?*

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.

A horizontal banner with a background of a sunset or sunrise over water. The text "Enjoy this life." is written in a large, bold, black sans-serif font across the center of the banner.

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

The Circle Game
Vocalist, Christina Smith

Joni Mitchell



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance... – Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

MEDITATION

The Circle Game

Rev. Christine E. Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Both Sides Now

Joni Mitchell

Rows and flows of angel hair
And ice cream castles in the air
And feather canyons everywhere
I've looked at clouds that way

But now they only block the sun
They rain and they snow on everyone
So many things I would have done
But clouds got in my way

I've looked at clouds from both sides now
From up and down, and still somehow
It's cloud illusions I recall
I really don't know clouds at all

Moons and Junes and Ferris wheels
The dizzy dancing way you feel
As every fairy tale comes real
I've looked at love that way

But now it's just another show
You leave 'em laughing when you go
And if you care, don't let them know
Don't give yourself away

I've looked at love from both sides now
From give and take and still somehow
It's love's illusions I recall
I really don't know love

Tears and fears and feeling proud
To say, "I love you" right out loud
Dreams and schemes and circus crowds
I've looked at life that way

But now old friends they're acting strange
They shake their heads, they say I've changed
Well something's lost, but something's gained
In living every day

I've looked at life from both sides now
From win and lose and still somehow
It's life's illusions I recall
I really don't know life at all

I've looked at life from both sides now
From up and down and still somehow
It's life's illusions I recall
I really don't know life at all

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 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



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!

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Week of October 8, 2022

Saturday	10/8/22	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Bell Rehearsal (M)
Sunday	10/9/22	10:00 am 3:00 pm	Worship Concert for Ukraine (M)
Monday	10/10/22	5:00pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Tuesday	10/11/22	9:00 am 12:00 pm 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) 1717 MHF Trustees (G) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	10/12/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Zoom) FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	10/13/22	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Group at Jack's Out Back FS Science (J) Crafters (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
Friday	10/14/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	10/15/22	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**

