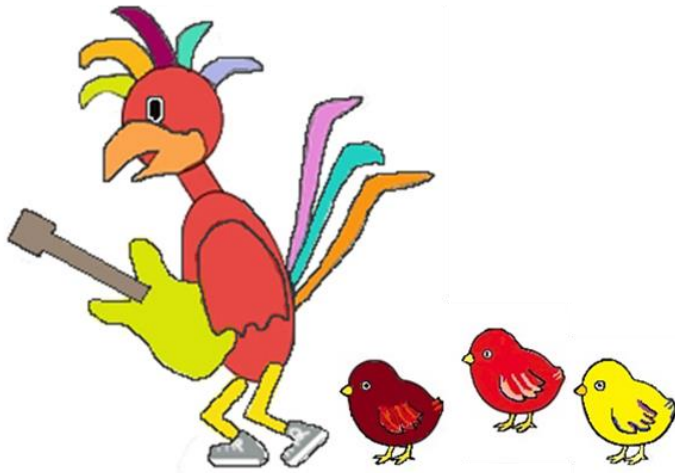


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 22, 2022

4:30 p.m.

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Fight for the powerless.**

ALL SAINTS and ALL SOULS

When Jesus got to the tree, he looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, hurry down. Today is my day to be a guest in your home." Zacchaeus scrambled out of the tree, hardly believing his good luck, delighted to take Jesus home with him. Everyone who saw the incident was indignant and grumped, "What business does he have getting cozy with this crook?"

Luke 19:5-7

## 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 #494 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*  
I sing a song of the saints of God patient and brave and true,  
Who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still;  
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

## 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, here's Pastor Reed, 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 (from Worship Ways)

*One: Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather.*

**Many: May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs.**

*One: May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew.*

**Many: In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-remembered.**

*One: May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation.*

**Many: And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.**

## OPENING PRAYER

God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather 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 –We will lift up the names and photos  
of saints who have gone on ahead, this past year and all the years that have passed.  
As you come forward to light a prayer candle, please leave a photo of your loved  
one on the Communion table as an offering of remembrance and love.

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

*Children: Why do we give thanks and praise?*

Pastor: We thank you, God, Creator of us all: from the beginning you made the world and all its creatures. You made people to live for you and for one another. We praise you, O God.

**All: We praise you, O God.**

Pastor: You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden; you showed Noah and his wife a rainbow; you gave Moses strength to free your people and taught Miriam to sing; you gave courage to Esther and loyalty to Ruth; you gave David a harp to sing your praise; and helped him to defeat a giant. We praise you, O God.

**All: We praise you, O God.**

Pastor: Ye, even they turned away from you and forgot about you, as we do too. But you did not forget. You sent Jesus to the world to show how much you love us and to bring us back to you again.

**All: We praise you, O God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

#### PRAYER OF COMMUNION

**O God, turn our hearts to love alone. Amen.**

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

*Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?*

Pastor: We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and

gave it to them saying; “Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.”

*Children: Why do we drink from the cup or dip from the cup at the table?*

Pastor: That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends saying, “Drink. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

*Children: What do we remember at this table?*

Pastor: We remember Jesus’ death and celebrate his resurrection; we await with hope his coming again to bring peace and justice to the earth; and we proclaim the mysteries of our faith.

**All:**

**Christ has died**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

(We offer a covid-safe communion cup and wafer system of grape juice and cracker and Communion by intinction.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Children: For whom do we pray at this table?*

**We pray for the world..**

**Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and what we do here, that we and these gifts, touched by your Spirit, may be signs of life and love to one another, and to the world.**

**Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever more. Amen.**

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 19:1-10

MEDITATION

We Remember: Reflections of the Departed

Rev. Christine E. Burns

### GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #401

*Amazing Grace*

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

Beloved of God, trust that the Holy One still forms saints. They might be standing next to you. They might just be you. Trust that God has formed your life to be part of something larger than you could possibly imagine. So go, anticipating that God is

already blessing you to bear good news into the world. Yes! Yes! Yes! Amen and 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)



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### 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 29, 2022

<b>Saturday</b>	10/29/22	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	10/30/22	10:00 am 1:00 pm	Worship Gould Wedding (M)
<b>Monday</b>	10/31/22	11:30 am 5:00pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	11/1/22	9:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11/2/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Staff (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	11/3/22	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>	11/4/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	11/5/22	4:30 pm	Worship

Key: FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom

# 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**

