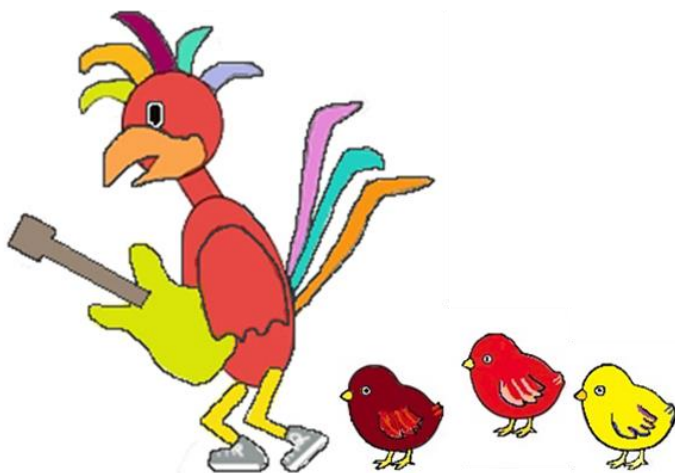


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 21, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Fishers of People

“Jesus said to them, ‘Come with me. I’ll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I’ll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass.’

They didn’t ask questions, but simply dropped their nets and followed.” - Matthew 4:19-20

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

Wade in the Water

traditional

Wade in the water

Wade in the water, children

Wade in the water

God's gonna trouble the water

Who's that young girl dressed in red?

Wade in the water

Must be the children that Moses led

God's gonna trouble the water

Wade in the water

Wade in the water, children

Wade in the water

God's gonna trouble the water

Who's that young girl dressed in white?

Wade in the water

Must be the children of Israelites

God's gonna trouble the water

Wade in the water

Wade in the water, children

Wade in the water

God's gonna trouble the water

Who's that young girl dressed in blue?

Wade in the water

Must be the children that's coming through

God's gonna trouble the water

Wade in the water

Wade in the water, children

Wade in the water

God's gonna trouble the water

You don't believe I've been redeemed

Wade in the water

Just see the Holy Ghost looking for me

God's gonna trouble the water

Wade in the water

Wade in the water, children

Wade in the water

God's gonna trouble the water

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

One: Jesus said: Love one another.

Many: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said, no longer do I call you servant: now I call you friends.

Many: We come to worship God, whose friends we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship; through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

OPENING PRAYER (A Breton Fisher's prayer)

Dear God, be good to me; the sea is so wide and my boat is so small. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mystery, we confess that more than deep questions, we love easy answers; explaining away miracles, disarming the Good News, we domesticate your wild ways. Teach us to love our questions, O God. Teach us to struggle with faith. Teach us to live with your holy mysteries. 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

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, you are the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end and all that comes in between. We give thanks for the simple things of life: bread and juice and remembrance. Thank you for remembering us even now, even today. Amen.

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Born On The Bayou

John Fogerty



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 4:12-25

MEDITATION

Drop Whatever Prevents You From Loving Jesus

Rev. Christine E. Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
But only asking for me to follow.

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called my name,
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.

You know full well my possessions.
Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest.
Just these my fishnets and will for working.

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called my name,
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the weary
A love that's willing to go on loving.

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called my name,
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.

You who have fished other waters;
you, the longing of souls that are yearning;
As loving Friend, you have come to call me.

O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called my name,
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you I will seek other seas.

WORDS OF SENDING

Recognize the greatness within and around you. Follow Jesus out into the world to spread the radiance of Christ, to proclaim the good news, and to be instruments of healing and wholeness, 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
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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 January 21, 2023

Saturday	1/21/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/22/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	1/23/23	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Foundation (G & Z) AA (J)
Tuesday	1/24/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	1/25/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	1/26/23	1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bridge Group (G) AA (J)
Friday	1/27/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) Foundation (G) AA (J)
Saturday	1/21/23	4:30 pm	Worship Service

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

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God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

