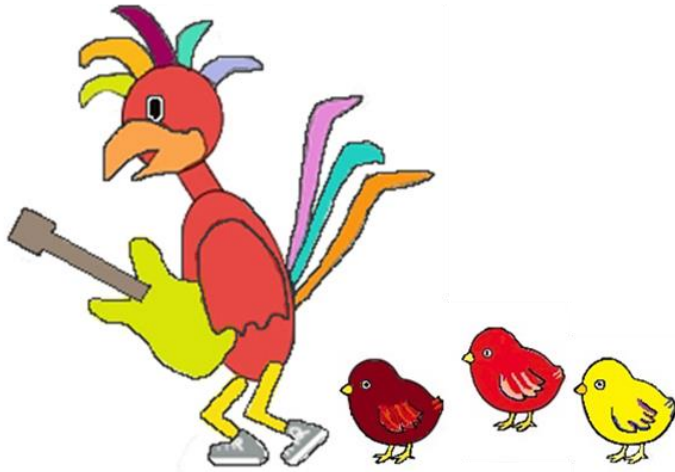


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 4, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

For God so Loved the World!

"This is how much God loved the world: He gave his Son, his one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. God didn't go to all the trouble of sending his Son merely to point an accusing finger, telling the world how bad it was. He came to help, to put the world right again." - John 3:16-18

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

I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love

Grundy

I will sing of your love, love, love of your steadfast love for as long as I live

and I will sing of your love, love, love for as long as I live

I will sing of a love so wide that it welcomes the neighbor and will not divide

and I will sing of your love, love, love for as long as I live

and I will sing let the children come do not hinder them for you love everyone

and I will sing of your love, love, love for as long as I live

I will sing of the trees so tall of the oceans so deep and your love for them all

and I will sing of your love, love, love for as long as I live

your love is stronger than the mountains soaks through me like the falling rain

It's knowing that I am answering your call whenever someone needs a neighbor

and where ever there is a child in pain

will be working on a just world for all

I will sing of your love, love, love of your steadfast love for as long as I live

and I will sing of your love, love, love for as long as I live

for as long as I live

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 Bob 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 into the wilderness. Step into the unknown possibility that is here in this place with all of our questions.

All: The sun might be shining but it still looks bleak.

One: We step into the wilderness because we have questions and it is here that we feel safe to ask what we long to know.

All: We come together to find a deeper understanding of God's love.

OPENING PRAYER

God of calls and courage, you draw us towards your loving embrace even as we face what seems like impossibility. We experience heartache and grief, injustice and cruelty, fear and anxiety as daily teachers on this path of faith. As you call us to go into an uncertain and unknown future, O God, grant us the courage needed to let go of all that we have known so that we can take hold of the new life you are bringing about even now. Though we may not know where we are going, God, your way is revealed moment by moment, step by step, and breath by breath. In the name of the One who so loves the world we pray. 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



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

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

traditional spiritual



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 3:1-18

MEDITATION

God Loves the Whole World!

Rev. Christine E. Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

All You Need Is Love

Lennon and McCartney

Love, love, love

Love, love, love

Love, love, love

There's nothing you can do that can't be done

Nothing you can sing that can't be sung

Nothing you can say but you can learn how to play the game

It's easy

Nothing you can make that can't be made

No one you can save that can't be saved

Nothing you can do but you can learn how to be you in time

It's easy

All you need is love

All you need is love

All you need is love, love

Love is all you need

Love, love, love

Love, love, love

Love, love, love

All you need is love

All you need is love

All you need is love, love

Love is all you need

**Nothing you can know that isn't known
Nothing you can see that isn't shown
Nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be
It's easy**

**All you need is love
All you need is love
All you need is love, love
Love is all you need**

WORDS OF SENDING

Friends, go forth with the courage of God to guide you into those places of restlessness and uncertainty.

For we are called to go...

From our places of comfort.

From our certainties and complacency.

From our old life and into the new.

May the call of God not just call us from but toward a love so compelling that we are willing to trust our whole self into the embrace of the Creator, into the abiding love of Christ, and into the sacred dance of the Holy Spirit.

We go forth in the peace of Christ. 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



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 March 4, 2023

Saturday	3/4/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/5/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	3/6/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	3/7/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J)
Wednesday	3/8/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (Reed's Office & Z) FS Board AA (J) Women in the Spirit @ 8 Earl Rd., Sandwich
Thursday	3/9/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	3/10/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (Reed's Office) AA (J)
Saturday	3/11/23	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**

