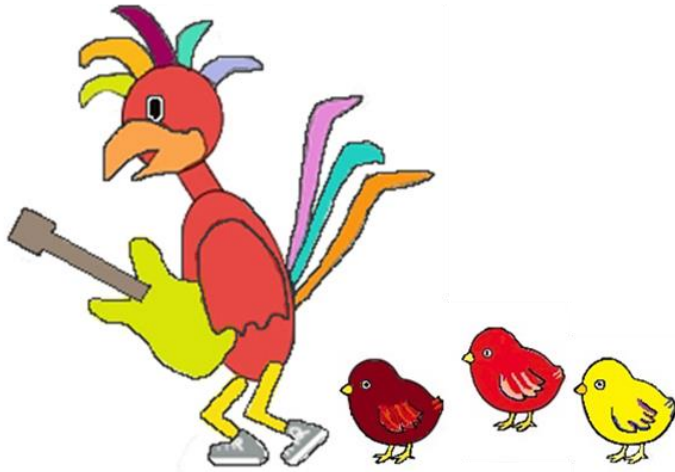


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 18, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

I Can See Clearly Now

“The man replied, ‘This is amazing! You claim to know nothing about him, but the fact is, he opened my eyes! It’s well known that God isn’t at the beck and call of sinners, but listens carefully to anyone who lives in reverence and does his will. That someone opened the eyes of a man born blind has never been heard of - ever. If this man didn’t come from God, he wouldn’t be able to do anything.’” - John 9:30-33

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 Can See Clearly Now

Jimmy Nash

**I can see clearly now, the rain has gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day**

**I think I can make it now, the pain has gone
All of the bad feelings have disappeared
Here is that rainbow I've been praying for
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day**

**Look all around, there's nothing but blue sky
Look straight ahead, nothing but blue sky**

**I can see clearly now, the rain has gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone're the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day**

**It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day
Gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day
Gonna be a bright, bright, bright sun-shining day**

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, faithful people, and find the quiet center where God may enter in.

All: We gather as God's people: hungry for holy presence, ready for God's Word to us. Let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

God of Sarah and Abraham, God of us all;

You have called people throughout the ages to journey in faithfulness.

Give us a sense of anticipation through this Lenten season,

That we may move with confidence and hope toward the new life of Easter.

We pray in Jesus' name, our Companion and our Guide. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, when we have held on to our own ways too long, trusting in what we have come to know so well, and believing in our own comforts, enable us to let go of the familiar, and trust in you. Allow us to let go of our pride, and trust in your companionship. When our faith seems dry and our souls drier, enable us to let go of the past, and trust in your future. Teach us to sing your hope again. Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me

all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

my whole life long.

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

Doctor My Eyes

Jackson Browne



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 9:1-41

MEDITATION

I Can See Clearly Now

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

Go out into the world in peace.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind,
with all your strength and love your neighbor as yourself. 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.**

Sign up for Easter flowers!



Fill out the form and drop it off or mail to the church office with \$12/plant by April 5, 2023.

Given by

(please circle one) in memory / honor / celebration of:

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship service.

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 18, 2023

Saturday	3/18/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/19/23	9:15 am 10:00 am	Outreach Worship
Monday	3/20/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	3/21/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) Finance AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	3/22/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J)
Thursday	3/23/23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Stewardship (Reed's office) AA (J)
Friday	3/24/23	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	3/25/23	4:30 pm	Worship Service

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

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Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
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