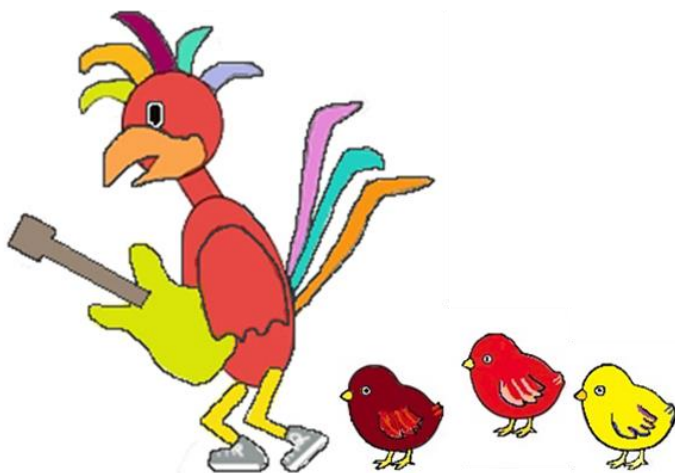


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 25, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Hope in Hard Times

"You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

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 #426 I've Got Peace Like A River

**I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in-a my soul. (repeat)**

**I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in-a my soul. (repeat)**

**I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, in-a my soul. (repeat)**

**I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor, in-a my soul. (repeat)**

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: Breath of Life, you animate us.

Many: We who come before you are seeking revival from within.

One: Holy One, when you speak, great things happen.

Many: Empower us to make great things happen.

One: Matchless One, you bring good things to life.

Many: We desire to bring good things to life too.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we gather in love of Jesus the Christ and open ourselves to your Spirit. We open ourselves to your life in the midst of death. We open ourselves to your hope in the midst of despair. In the midst of confusion and uncertainty, we open ourselves to a new way of seeing things and understanding things in your love. Stir us in our depths and call us out beyond every resistance. 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

Smile

Charlie Chaplin



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 11:1-45

MEDITATION

Hope in Hard Times

Rev. Christine E. Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise,
We know that there's always tomorrow.

Lean on me when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show.

You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'll understand,
We all need somebody to lean on.

Lean on me when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on

You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'll understand,
We all need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load
You have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me.

**call me. If you need a friend
call me.**

WORDS OF SENDING

We cried to God from the depths, and God heard our voice. We came with burdens, bound by our fears. We leave this place with hope released to serve a living God. Go in the strength of God who shows steadfast love, in the courage of Christ who shares our humanity, and in the companionship of the Spirit who gives life.



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
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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 25, 2023

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| Saturday | 3/25/23 | 4:30 pm | Worship |
| Sunday | 3/26/23 | 10:00 am | Worship |
| Monday | 3/27/23 | 11:30 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm | Christie's Coffee Hours @ Bread + Roses Church Council (M & Z) AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 3/28/23 | 9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm | FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M) |
| Wednesday | 3/29/23 | 9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J) |
| Thursday | 3/30/23 | 5:00 pm | AA (J) |
| Friday | 3/31/23 | 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 | 4/1/23 | 4:30 pm | Worship |

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

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