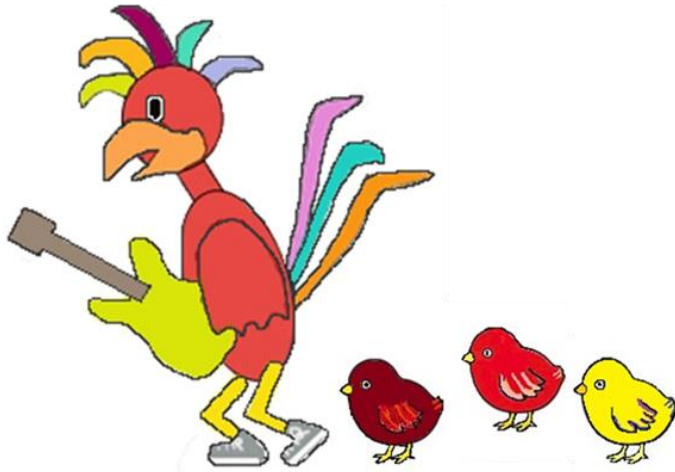


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

**WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

April 1, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Palm Saturday

Fight for the powerless.

"The disciples went and did exactly what Jesus told them to do. They led the donkey and colt out, laid some of their clothes on them, and Jesus mounted. Nearly all the people in the crowd threw their garments down on the road, giving him a royal welcome. Others cut branches from the trees and threw them down as a welcome mat. Crowds went ahead and crowds followed, all of them calling out, 'Hosanna to David's son' 'Blessed is he who comes in God's name!' 'Hosanna in highest heaven!'" - Matthew 21:6-9

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 #179 “Ride On, Ride on in Majesty!”

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the crowds hosanna cry;
though waving branches slowly ride,
O Savior, to be crucified.**

**Ride on, ride on majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumph now begin
o’er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Your last and fiercest foe defy;
bow your meek head to mortal pain,
then take, O Christ your power and reign.**

WELCOME

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 whether joining us online or in person. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, Pastor Reed is helping out with tech and teaching, and we have Steve Gregory and Bob as our musicians 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 (have your palms ready)

We join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city riding humbly on a donkey.

(Louder) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus' followers were excited, filled with anticipation. Yet, within a few short days, they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened, unwilling to follow as far as Christ would have them go.

(Softer) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

We, too, long to join the triumphal procession, only to find ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future, reluctant to accept the way of the cross.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

Yet this Palm Saturday we receive palm branches, a reminder of the welcome offered to Jesus as he traveled towards the cross.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

Like the crowd in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, we take our palm branches and greet Jesus shouting:

(very loud) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, as we enter into Holy Week and gather in your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Bring us at the last with him and all the faithful to your new Jerusalem., your kingdom of peace and justice for all. We ask it 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

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

Because there is one bread, we who are many make one body,
for we all partake of the one bread.

In Christ, God breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves, and
divides us from one another.

We are the body of Christ.

At this table, we bear witness to our faith.

At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness, and healing to our world.

Let us break bread together.



PRAYER OF COMMUNION

**Loving God, you made this wonderful world for us to enjoy. You showed our
ancestors how to care for one another. You gave us Jesus to be our friend and to
bring us closer to you. He died on a cross, but you brought him to life, to live with
us forever. You send us your Spirit and bring us to this table so that we can share
your love. For all the goodness we give you thanks, and together we give you
praise.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to those sitting around him, saying, *“take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”* In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: *“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Loving God, we rejoice in the gift of your grace, remembering Christ’s life and death, proclaiming his resurrection, waiting in hope for his coming again. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving, we may so offer ourselves to you that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith. Amen.

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Put Your Hand in the Hand

Gene MacEllen



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 21:1-11

POEM

“The Poet Thinks About the Donkey”

Mary Oliver

MEDITATION

The Lord Needs this Colt

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #178

All Glory, Laud and Honor

**All glory laud and honor to thee Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the true and blessed One;
to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud, and honor to thee Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

WORDS OF SENDING

May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination;
The strength of Christ, stronger than our need;
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,
Richer than our togetherness; guide us and sustain us
Today and in all our tomorrows. 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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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 April 1, 2023

Saturday	4/1/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/2/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	4/3/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	4/4/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) FS Staff AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	4/5/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) AA (J) WITS at 8 Earl Road, East Sandwich
Thursday	4/6/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/7/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Office Closed Knitting Group (Reed's office) AA (J)
Saturday	4/8/23		
Sunday	4/9/23	7:30 am 10:00 am	Worship in the Garden Chapel Worship in the Meetinghouse Easter Egg Hunt

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

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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**

