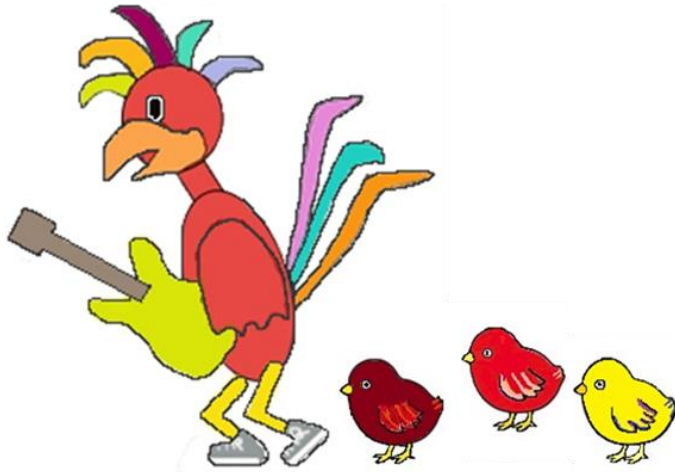


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

April 22, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Breaking Bread and Emmaus

“That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.” Luke 24:13-16

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 #442 *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

Have we trials and tribulations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield you, you will find a solace there.

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, and here is Pastor Reed, 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

Sometimes good things are right in front of us and we don't see them.

Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, come and speak to our hearts today. May we, like those on the Emmaus Road, find your words burning with hope in our lives. Strengthen us and give us courage for the journey ahead. For we pray in Christ's Name. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

Lord, you are so patient with us. You brought us through Easter when we rejoiced at the news of the resurrection of your Son, our Savior. You were with us in the upper room when we remained hidden out of our fears, sharing with Thomas our doubts and anxieties. Now you come to us on the road. You come to us in our everyday lives, moving out of this pristine setting of worship into the

work world. But we aren't always ready for you and don't always see you or feel your presence. We let so many things crowd in on our lives and these intrusions blot out our awareness of your presence. Forgive us when we choose not to see and cling to our stubbornness. Help us keep our hearts open to you, to see and tell the good things you have done in our lives. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Even though you have not seen Jesus, one to one, you have assurance of his presence and his love with you. The promises of God are always true. God is with us, in the resurrection of Jesus, in our journeys, in our lives. Praise be to God. 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

One: Because there is one bread, we who are many make one body,

All: for we all partake of the one bread.

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

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: On the day of his resurrection, Jesus appeared to the disciples on the road to
Emmaus, but they did not recognize him. Later while he was at the table with
them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes
were opened, and they recognized him.

**All: May we open our eyes and recognize Christ together as we celebrate
communion today.**

All: Let us break bread together.

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

Let us pray: **From the first day to the last, O God, you are generous and kind, filling the world with mercy's bread, pouring the gift of mercy's joy. You give us gifts too generous to count; our hearts overflow when we remember you. Even in death, life abounds. And so we praise you. And now, with grateful hearts, we remember Jesus. When all seems lost, when we are stuck in shame, when nothing we try resurrects our fading hope, he comes to us; he brings the morning light. He tells us where to cast our nets. The catch is abundant; our nets are full. He knows we are always hungry, he feeds us hope. It is always this way with him—food and pardon, mercy and love. Amen.**

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 teachers may now go over to Jenkins Hall for Saturday School.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

At This Table

Idina Menzel



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 24: 13-35

MEDITATION

Breaking Bread and Emmaus

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #311

Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees)

Refrain

When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me)

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees;

Refrain

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Let us praise God together on our knees;

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING

The God of resurrection goes with you to ask questions and wonder about this world. The God of resurrection goes with you to surprise you with wonder and joy. Go to live in the world as Christ's disciples.

We go as witnesses to all God has done! 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 youngsters, 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 are Mondays at 11:30 am at Bread and Roses, Main Street, Hyannis.



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 22, 2023

Saturday	4/22/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/23/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	4/24/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Bread + Roses AA (J)
Tuesday	4/25/23	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	4/26/23	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	4/27/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/28/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	4/29/23	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

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Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
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