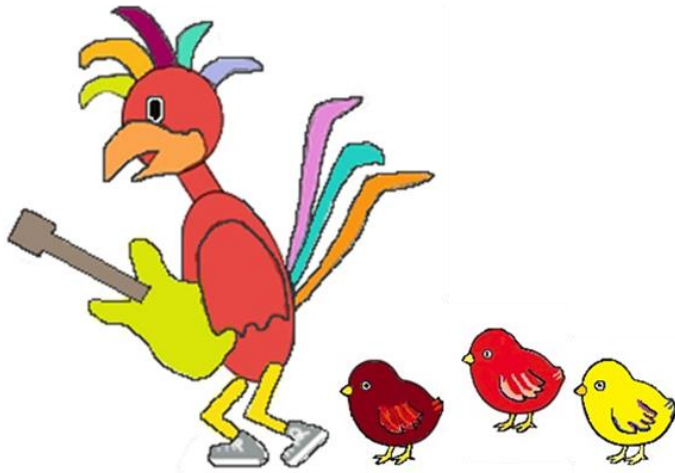


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 6, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Along the Road

"Jesus said, 'I am the Road, also the Truth, also the Life. No one gets to the Father apart from me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him. You've even seen him!'" - John 14:6-7

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

Jesus is the Rock

Larry Noman

Refrain

Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away (bop shoe bop, shoe bop, whoo!) 3x

**When you're out on the street and you really feel down and low
When you're out on the street 'cause there's nowhere else to go
When you're out on the street, well, Jesus gonna save your soul, cause**

Refrain

**When you wake up in the mornin' and the sky ain't bright and blue
When you wake up in the mornin' and the big world's after you
When you wake up in the mornin', yeah, Jesus gonna pull you through, cause**

Refrain

**When you look in the mirror and your face causes it to crack
When you make it through your day, but you feel like you've been attacked
Well Jesus gonna love you and now baby, that's a fact, cause**

Refrain

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

Friends, we gather this day to celebrate life—

The life we have been given by God,

The life we share with one another in community,

The life that Jesus gives in abundance,

Let us be grateful for the joy of life,

And let us worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus taught us that he is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Help us to see Jesus in all we do. O God, keep our eyes on you as we navigate the challenges of life. You call us forward with hope and love to see what the world may be like when we live in Your ways. We will be looking for you in all the places we go. Remind us that nowhere is separate from the love of God. You are in all places, accompanying us as we travel. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

O God of mystery, we confess that, more than deep questions, we love easy answers; explaining away miracles, disarming the Good News, we domesticate

your wild ways. Teach us to love our questions, O God. Teach us to struggle with faith. Teach us to live with your holy mysteries. Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

God is the love that over and around us lies; the grace that is totally unearned; and the healing that makes us whole. Give thanks to God; we are forgiven!

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

**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

On The Road Again

Willie Nelson



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 14:1-14

MEDITATION

Along the Way

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #363 In the Midst of New Dimensions

**In the midst of new dimensions, in the face of changing ways,
who will lead the pilgrim peoples wand'ring in their sep'rate ways?**

Refrain

**God of rainbow, fiery pillar, leading where the eagles soar,
we your people, ours the journey now and ever,
now and ever, now and evermore.**

**Through the flood of starving peoples, warring factions and despair,
who will lift the olive branches? Who will light the flame of care?**

Refrain

**Though we reach the highest heavens, holding worlds at our command,
we are yet a desert people searching for the promised land.**

Refrain

**Should the threats of dire predictions cause us to withdraw in pain
may your blazing phoenix spirit resurrect the church again.**

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING

Amen.

Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go in peace

Go in kindness

Go in love

Go In Peace

Rob Leveridge

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 May 6, 2023

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| Saturday | 5/6/23 | 4:30 pm | Worship |
| Sunday | 5/7/23 | 10:00 am 11:15 am 3:00 pm | Worship Deacons (G) AGO Organ Concert (M) |
| Monday | 5/8/23 | 8:30 am-3 pm 11:30 am 5:00 pm | FS Conferences (G) Christie's Coffee Hours @ Bread + Roses AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 5/9/23 | 8:30 am-3 pm 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm | FS Conferences (G) FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) Finance (G) AA (J) Handbells (M) |
| Wednesday | 5/10/23 | 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm | Stewardship (G) FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J) |
| Thursday | 5/11/23 | 8:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm | Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back Foundation (G) AA (J) |
| Friday | 5/12/23 | 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) |
| Saturday | 5/13/23 | 4:30 pm | Worship |

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

BE THE CHURCH

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**

