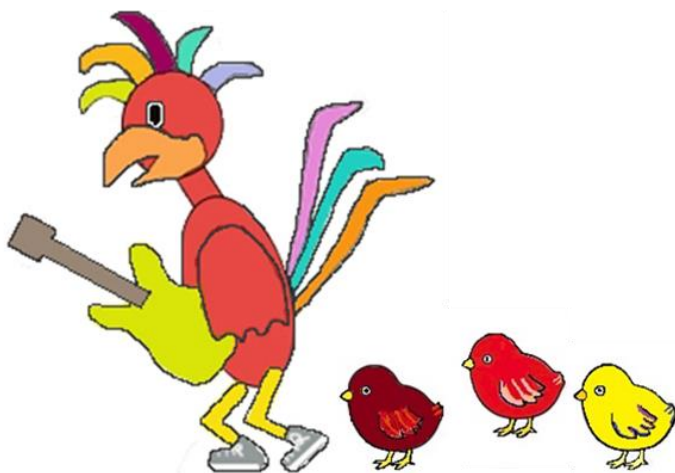


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 9, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Beauty is our Balm

“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon, and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of the mortals that you take care of them?” Psalm 8:3-4

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'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

WELCOME

Pastor Christie

One: Welcome back to the Meetinghouse. Welcome back to those who have missed these old wooden pews and creaky doors on the sheep pens. Welcome back to those who are frenzied, worried and tired. Welcome back to those who have had enough sleep and those who are exhausted. Welcome back to our children who are excited to be back at church and those who wish they could be anywhere else. Welcome to the new faces and to old friends. Here, in this old Meetinghouse, we are grateful to be in community. We also welcome back everyone who is joining us online. Hybrid worship where we are together and apart is our reality. We welcome all of you, exactly as you are. And hear the Good News, God loves us enough just as we are. God is doing a new thing with each of us. Welcome back! Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, and here is Pastor Reed and we have Steve Gregory and Bob Moscato 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

One: Creator God, we are surrounded by so much beauty

All: Open our eyes that we can revel in this beautiful place

One: Loving God, we are grateful for the opportunity to gather

All: Open our hearts that we revel in loving connections and community

One: Designer God, we live in a rich tapestry of life

All: Open our minds that we can revel in diversity

All: What a wonderful thing to come together in body, mind, and spirit. We are here and ready to be Your church. Encourage us, renew us, and strengthen us, in the many names of God, Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God, we recommit ourselves to loving, to learning, and to following the ministry of Jesus so that we can be modern day disciples. May you encourage and strengthen us when we get discouraged. Comfort us when we are lonely. Stand beside us when we grieve losses of all kinds. Help us to wonder, to be curious and to be hopeful. Help us connect more deeply with ourselves, and with others, knowing that we need each other to make it through. And we need You, merciful and gracious God. Help us to feel that we are never alone for You accompany and guide us in all the times of our lives. We thank you God, for bringing us together again. 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 9.

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

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.

We offer a communion cup and wafer system of grape juice and cracker.

INVITATION (*Responsive*) Deuteronomy 16:11, 12, 15b.

Rejoice before God, you, and your children. **Rejoice with the stranger, the orphan, the widowed, the orphaned.** Rejoice, you who were once enslaved. **Break the bread of freedom. Drink deep from laughter's cup.** Rejoice, for God has blessed us in all we produce, in all we undertake.

Together, let us celebrate.

Enjoy this life.

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

On the night before he died, Jesus took break, 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

By sharing in this loaf and cup we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again. Amen. Come, Christ Jesus, Come!

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Welcome Back

John Sebastian



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalm 8

MEDITATION

For the Beauty of Our Lives

Pastor Christie

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

What a Wonderful World

Theile/Weiss

**I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself what a wonderful world**

**I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, the dark sacred night
And I think to myself what a wonderful world**

**The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do
They're really saying, I love you**

**I hear babies cry, I watch them grow
They'll learn much more than I'll ever know
And I think to myself what a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself what a wonderful world**

WORDS OF SENDING

Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.

Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the gentle night to you.
Moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you.
Deep peace to you.

Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Rob Leveridge
Featuring Allen Nelson

**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

Christie holds coffee hours by appointment at Bread and Roses in Hyannis. Call, text, or email her for an appointment. 508-494-6409 associatepastor@westparish.org

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.



by recycling this bulletin.

Text to Give!

West Parish is now accepting donations via text! It's easy:

1. Text 508-593-7761 (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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The week of September 9, 2023

Saturday	9/9/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/10/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	9/11/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	9/12/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Choir (M)
		12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
Wednesday	9/13/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		4:00 pm	FS Board Meeting
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	9/14/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Fair Creative Crew (J)
		4:00 pm	Foundation (G & Z)
Friday	9/15/23	10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	Barnstable/Barnstaple Talk (M)
Saturday	9/16/23	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**

