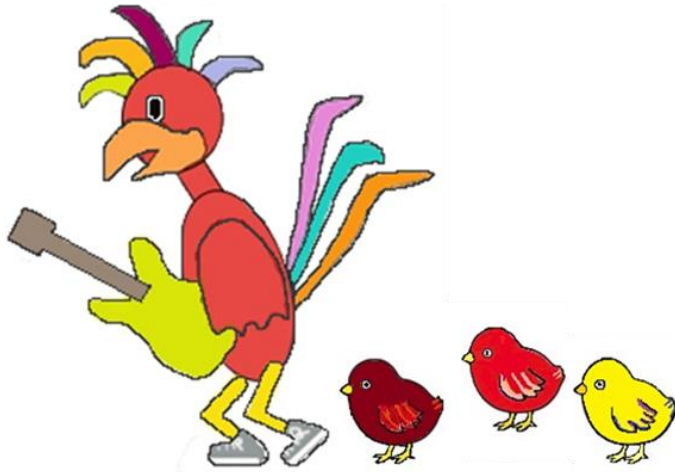


**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

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

September 23, 2023

4:30 p.m.

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Fight for the powerless.**

**Upside Down**

*“He replied to the one speaking for the rest, ‘Friend, I haven’t been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a dollar, didn’t we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Are you going to get stingy because I am generous?’ Here it is again, the Great Reversal: many of the first ending up last, and the last first.”*      Matthew 20:13-16

## 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 #465 (green) O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

**O Master, let me walk with thee  
in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me thy patience; still with thee  
in closer dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broadening way;  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

WELCOME

Pastor Christie

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit or you have been here for years. Here at West Parish, no matter who you are, and no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are glad you are here with us today whether you are joining us online or in person. 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

Come!

Come and worship,  
you who woke early and you who slept late;  
you who come often, and you who don't.

**Whether we are first or last or somewhere in between,  
there is room for all of us in God's kingdom,  
and more than enough grace to go around.  
Let's worship God together!**

OPENING PRAYER

Prayer written by Rev. Kathryn Huey

**O Wise God**

**You have come to us in the form of a vulnerable child;  
You teach us that the last are first and the first, last;  
You lead us on a Way to new life that leads through death.  
Truly your wisdom is different than ours!  
Meet us in this place and teach us your foolish wisdom  
and your vulnerable power;  
give us joy to receive it fully**

and courage to live it foolishly,  
through Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and Word.

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

#### INVITATION

Mary Luti

The Spirit is laboring today.  
Grace is rolling up her sleeves.  
We give thanks for the work of Christ who toils on our behalf.  
It is right and just to lift up all who water the earth with their sweat. And so we pray:

**Enjoy this life.**

#### PRAYER OF COMMUNION

**Wonder worker, we gather on stolen land, at a table we did not make, to receive bread we did not bake, to satisfy an ache we alone cannot shake.  
We come, tired from our own labors, overwrought and worn thin, to remember and receive the life-giving work of Jesus.**

#### DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

On the night before he was betrayed, Jesus got up from the table.  
He bent before his friends like a servant, and washed their feet, saying,  
*“Unless you let me do this for you, you can have no part of me.”*  
He also took bread, blessed it, divided it, and handed it to them, saying, *“Take, drink, this is my lifeblood, poured out for you. As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you celebrate my lifework until it is complete.”*

Ministering to you in the name of Jesus, you are welcome to taste and see the goodness of God.

## UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Holy Provider, Grace made tangible, Love in motion, we have received your gifts with thanks in our hearts. Grateful for the labor that produced them, we promise we'll never forget the justice we owe to all people who work, and work to repay them our debt. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Upside Down

Jack Johnson



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 20:14-16

Kim Baker

MEDITATION

Upside Down

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #293 (red hymnal) Come, Labor On  
**Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
While all around him waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say,  
“Go work today.”**

**Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
To young and old the gospel gladness bear;**

**Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.  
The night draws nigh.**

**Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,  
"Well done, well done." Amen.**

WORDS OF SENDING



SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Sam Baker  
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](mailto: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 23, 2023**

<b>Saturday</b>	9/23/23	4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Kim Moberg Concert (M)
<b>Sunday</b>	9/24/23	9:15 am 10:00 am	Outreach (G) Worship
<b>Monday</b>	9/25/23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Foundation Membership Committee (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	9/26/23	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	9/27/23	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	9/28/23	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Fair Creative Crew (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	9/29/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	9/30/23	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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*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**

