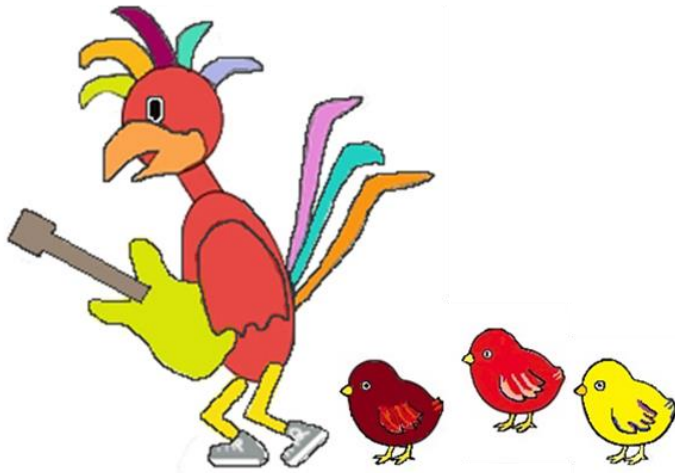


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 14, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

*And here on this mountain, God will banish
the pall of doom hanging over all peoples,
The shadow of doom darkening all nations.
Yes, he'll banish death forever.
And God will wipe the tears from every face.
He'll remove every sign of disgrace. Isaiah 25:1-9*

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 #512

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller/Jill Jackson

**Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.**

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 Pastor Reed is here, and we have Rebecca Mann as our guest musician with Bob Moscato, 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: Jesus said: Love one another.

All: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

All: We come to worship God, whose friends we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship;
Through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

God of healing and wholeness, we come in worship earnestly desiring peace in our world, not war, peace within our families and communities, peace in our hearts and in our relationship with you. Grant us peace, O God, and help us to remember and honor all who have lived and all who have died for peace. Amen.

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

Electronic Giving instructions are on page 8.

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

Molly Phinney Baskette

The psalmist sang, "You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies." This is not a taunting meal with Usses and Thems. It's a place, a time when even enemies can feast together. Come, then, you who have harsh words between you. Stand side by side in silence. Come, you who have fought good fights and bad fights and everything in between. Find peace, if only for a moment. Come, you

who can't find the face of God in every sibling. God abhors abuse, and never asks us to submit to the domineering strength of one another. But true reconciliation among people on equal footing sets us free and transforms conflict into amazing grace. So lay aside argument, distance, alienation, confusion, power over, and even principles. Come to this feast empty, hungry and ready.



Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

Holy One, you inhabit these elements of bread and cup. As each has been transformed from what it was into something more nourishing, ready to give energy to the body, so transform us into those who can nourish the world. As we pull from a common loaf, unite us. As we dip into a common cup, a symbol of shared fate, send us down the same road, with strength in numbers. Make us truly one in Christ.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

We remember that on the night before he died, Jesus sat at a table with all of them: friend and foe. He didn't ask how they had voted, where they stood on church doctrines, or whether they would remain true, even to him.

He took the bread, and giving thanks to God, he said to all, **“Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”**

He took wine and said, **“This is not just a cup, it's a covenant, to bind us together, to help us forget the sins of the past. Take, drink, in remembrance of me.”**

Ministering to you in Jesus' name, the Great Uniter, we give you this bread and this cup.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, let the unity we have at this table endure long after we have digested these elements. Feed our minds the manna of gentleness and the ability to take another's perspective. Juice us with the joy that comes when we can set aside our differences and come together as your children. Thank you that every time we eat this meal together, you give us an opportunity to lay down arms, stop taking sides, and find our common humanity and divinity. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Cornerstone

Hillsong Worship



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Isaiah 25:1-9

MEDITATION

God Will Wipe Away Every Tear

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #10 (Green) Holy, Holy, Holy!

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
God ever-living, through eternity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! through the darkness hide thee,
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see;
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

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

“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.

Need to get connected? Wi-Fi: Meetinghouse **Password:** 1717Rooster

AED Classes: We are offering two classes with the W. Barnstable Fire Department on how to use the AEDs on Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 pm and Saturday, November 4th at 10 am, both in Jenkins Hall. The sign-up sheet is in the entry or contact Susan in the office by Monday to sign up.
ps – this is open to the community, so bring a friend.

Ways to Give:

Venmo @WestParish or scan the QR code.

or **Text to Give** If you haven't tried it out, it's easy:

1. Text 866-586-0169 (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, enter your contact and payment information then press "Process."
3. After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text and receipt via email.



venmo

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!

If you have questions or would like help setting it up, see Marianne Williams.

The week of October 14, 2023

Saturday	10/14/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/15/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	10/16/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	10/17/23	10:00 am	Choir Rehearsal (M)
		12:00 pm	Music Lessons (M)
		4:30 pm	Finance (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		5:30 pm	W. Barnstable Civic Assoc. (M)
Wednesday	10/18/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	10/19/23		Rooster Crows Articles Due
		9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Fair Creative Crew (J)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	10/20/23	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	10/21/23	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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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**

