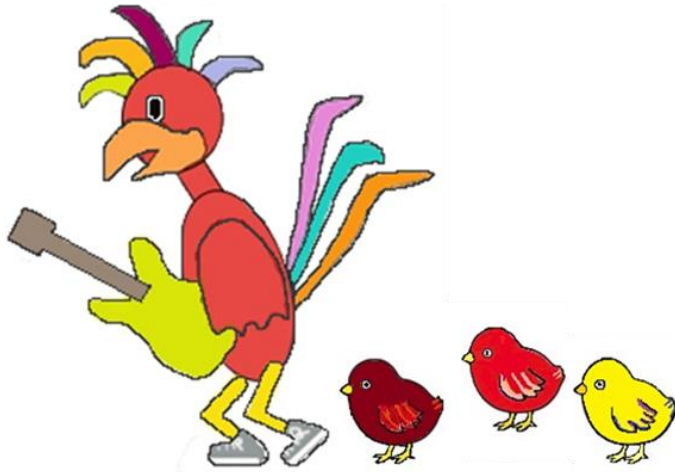


**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

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

October 21, 2023

4:30 p.m.

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Fight for the powerless.**

**Think on These Things**

*“Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.*

*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”* Philipians 4:8-9

## 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

Stand By Me

Ben E. King

**When the night has come**

**And the land is dark**

**And the moon is the only light we'll see**

**No, I won't be afraid**

**Oh, I won't be afraid**

**Just as long as you stand**

**Stand by me**

**So darlin', darlin'**

**Stand by me, oh, stand by me**

**Oh, stand, stand by me**

**Stand by me**

**If the sky that we look upon**

**Should tumble and fall**

**Or the mountain should crumble to the sea**

**I won't cry, I won't cry**

**No, I won't shed a tear**

**Just as long as you stand**

**Stand by me**

So darlin', darlin'  
Stand by me, oh, stand by me  
Oh, stand, stand by me  
Stand by 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 Steve Gregory as our 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: We have gathered to worship God.

**All: Let us remain distinctive and salty.**

One: We have been called the light of the world.

**All: Let us shine brightly in the midst of pain or confusion.**

One: We have been called a city set on a hill.

**All: Let us, like Jerusalem, lift our gates, lift our hearts, lift our voices in the worship of God.**

OPENING PRAYER

**We feel you welcome, gracious God, in this time of worship. You welcome young and old, all seeking peace, and all brimming over with energy. You welcome newcomers and long-time members; all seeking a familiar expression of praise**

and prayer, and all seeking a startlingly new celebration of faith. You welcome us all, welcoming God. 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

*Venmo 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

I'll be Your Water

Keb Mo



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Philippians 4:1-9

MEDITATION

Think on These Things

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Let There Be Peace On Earth

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**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.**

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)

“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.



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**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 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm and Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am, both in Jenkins Hall.  
ps – this is open to the community, so bring a friend.

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**The week of October 21, 2023**

<b>Saturday</b>	10/21/23	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	10/22/23	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	10/23/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/24/23	12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10/25/23	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J) AED Training (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	10/26/23	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Fair Creative Crew (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	10/27/23	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	10/28/23	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.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

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**Love God.**

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*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**

