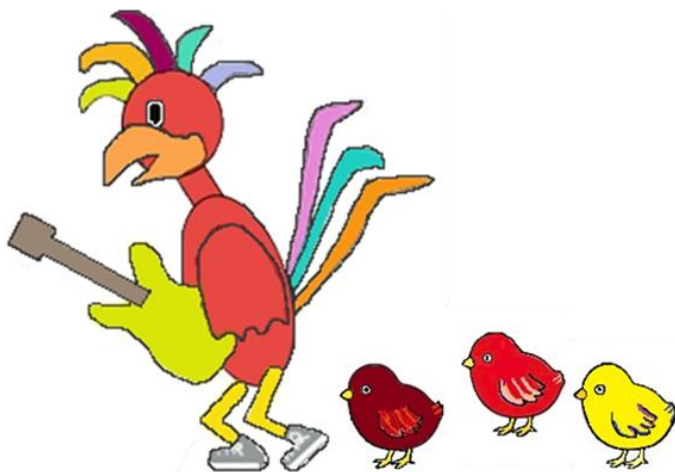


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 28, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

All Saints and All Souls

*Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.*

Matthew 5:4

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 O When the Saints Go Marching In traditional

**O when the saints go marching in
When the saints go marching in
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in**

**And when the sun begins to shine
And when the sun begins to shine
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in**

**O when the trumpet sounds the call
O when the trumpet sounds the call
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in**

**When the air is pure and clean
When the air is pure and clean
O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in**

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O Lord I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in**

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

(Hebrews 12: 1)

We remember, O God...

**The countless saints of history
who have blazed a trail of courage through time,**

We remember, O God...

**The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.**

We remember, O God...

The gentle strength of grandparents,

**the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children,
the sacrifice of parents.**

We remember, O God...

**The supreme love of Jesus,
the blessing of his Spirit,
the reminder of his words,
the sharing of his suffering,
the glory of his resurrection:
shown forth in the lives of his disciples,
young and old,
dead and living,
articulate and silent,
strange and familiar,
brilliant and ordinary.**

We remember in every time and place the saints of God
who have shown us the Lord.

***Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses...
let us worship God with joy!***

OPENING PRAYER

**For those
who walked with us,
this is a prayer.
For those
who have gone ahead,
this is a blessing.
For those
who touched and tended us,
who lingered with us
while they lived,
this is a thanksgiving.
For those
who journey still with us
in the shadows of awareness,**

Jan Richardson

**in the crevices of memory,
in the landscape of our dreams,
this is a benediction.
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

When Christians talk about Communion, we say it's a remembrance of Jesus, a memorial. Which is true, but also, potentially misleading, as if what we're doing at the table is reminiscing, like you would at a wake.

But in the Gospel's original Greek, the word for remembrance is stronger, edgier, more demanding—*anamnesis*—literally, “against amnesia.” It turns out that remembering Jesus in Communion is oppositional, like standing up to something, like standing against an adversary. Remembering at the table is not reminiscence; it's resistance. It's refusing to forget.

Communion is a dangerous memory: it's our uprising. At the table we take a stand. We remember him. We remember each other. We remember everyone and everything hate wants to erase. We refuse to forget.

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

As we share this meal, help us rejoice that Christ is present with us here. Give us love for one another and make us servants of peace until your new age of justice comes and every creature beholds it.

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

Thank you gracious God, for life in the Spirit of Jesus: for the witness we cannot forget and the mission of justice you have made your own. Give us the gifts of the Holy Communion; oneness of heart, love for neighbors, forgiveness of enemies, the will to serve you every day, and life that never ends. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

The Gathering of Spirits

Carrie Newcomer



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 5:1-12

MEDITATION

Say Their Names

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #494 *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Lesbia Scott

**I sing a song of the saints of God patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping to be one too.**

**They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.**

**They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.**

WORDS OF SENDING



Love God.

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.



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The week of October 28, 2023

Saturday	10/28/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/29/23	10:00 am 3:00 – 6:00 pm 3:30 pm	Worship Youth Group (M & J) Trunk or Treat in the Meetinghouse
Monday	10/30/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	10/31/23	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	11/1/23	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	11/2/23	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Fair Creative Crew (J) AA (J)
Friday	11/3/23	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	11/4/23	10:00 am 4:30 pm	AED Training (J) Worship

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

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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**

