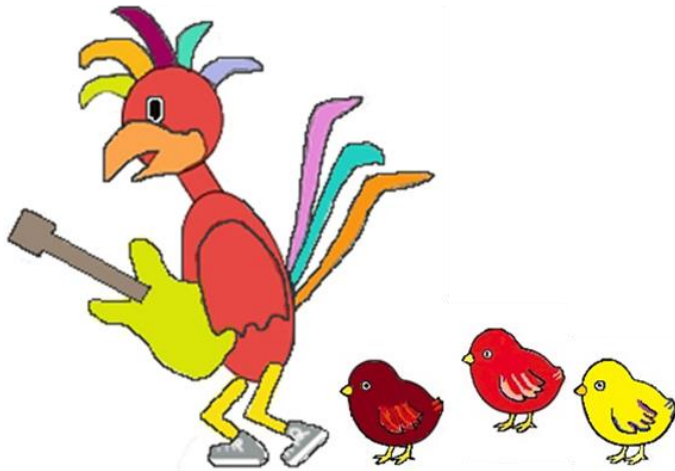


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

November 4, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

“Don't let people do that to you, put you on a pedestal like that. You all have a single Teacher, and you are all classmates. Don't set people up as experts over your life, letting them tell you what to do. Save that authority for God; let him tell you what to do. No one else should carry the title of 'Father'; you have only one Father, and he's in heaven. And don't let people maneuver you into taking charge of them. There is only one Life-Leader for you and them - Christ.” Matthew 23:8-10

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 Green #445 Be Thou My Vision

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
nought be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my Redeemer, my love thou hast won;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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

L: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

P: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

L: How shall we answer?

P: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

L: How shall we answer?

P: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation, and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

The Peace Prayer

St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
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

We now accept 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 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. Amen.

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 Finest Work Song

Michael Stipe and Peter Buck



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 23:1-12

MEDITATION

Service Jobs

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Humble And Kind

Tim McGraw

You know there's a light that glows by the front door
Don't forget the key's under the mat
When childhood stars shine
Always stay humble and kind

Go to church 'cause your mamma says to
Visit grandpa every chance that you can
It won't be wasted time
Always stay humble and kind

Hold the door, say "please", say "thank you"
Don't steal, don't cheat, and don't lie
I know you got mountains to climb
But always stay humble and kind
When the dreams you're dreamin' come to you
When the work you put in is realized
Let yourself feel the pride
But always stay humble and kind

Don't expect a free ride from no one
Don't hold a grudge or a chip and here's why
Bitterness keeps you from flyin'
Always stay humble and kind

Know the difference between sleeping with someone
And sleeping with someone you love
"I love you" ain't no pick-up line
So always stay humble and kind

Hold the door, say "please", say "thank you"
Don't steal, don't cheat, and don't lie
I know you got mountains to climb
But always stay humble and kind
When those dreams you're dreamin' come to you
When the work you put in is realized
Let yourself feel the pride
But always stay humble and kind

When it's hot, eat a root beer popsicle
Shut off the AC and roll the windows down
Let that summer sun shine
Always stay humble and kind

Don't take for granted the love this life gives you
When you get where you're going don't forget turn back around
And help the next one in line
Always stay humble and kind

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 November 4, 2023

Saturday	11/4/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/5/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	11/6/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	11/7/23	10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbelles (M)
Wednesday	11/8/23	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J) WITS at 8 Earl Road, E. Sandwich
Thursday	11/9/23	9:15 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Fair Creative Crew (J) Foundation (G) AA (J)
Friday	11/10/23	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Office Closed Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	11/11/23	12:00 pm 4:30 pm	Joyce Joakim Memorial Service (M) 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**

