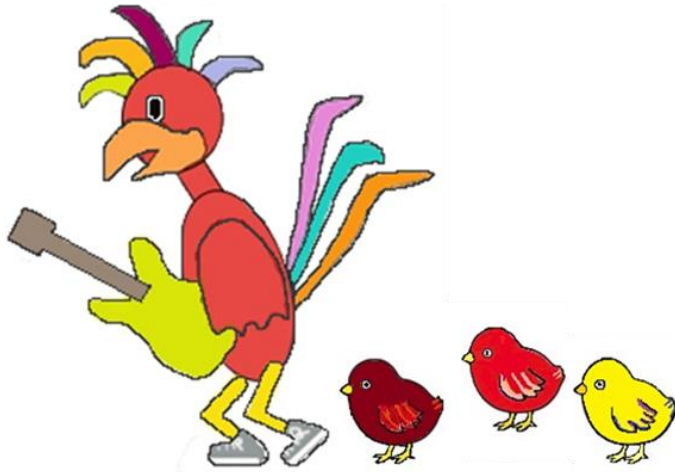


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 11, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Keep Yo' Lamps a Trimmed and Burnin'

*"Later the other bridesmaids came and said, 'Lord, lord, open the door for us.'
But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.'
Therefore, keep alert, because you don't know the day or the hour."*

Matthew 25:11-13

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

This Little Light of Mine

Green #364

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**This great joy I have, I'm gonna let it shine;
This great joy I have, I'm gonna let it shine;
This great joy I have, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine;
Ev'rywhere I go I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine;
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine;
All through the night, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

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

The flaming leaves of autumn
Are like the fire of God's spirit.

**The bounty of the fields
Is like the fullness of God's love.**

We are called to share the blessings
Of the land with the world.

Let us worship God.

RESPONSIVE OPENING PRAYER

To wake from sleep into this day

Is gift enough for thanks.

To hear a child's delight in laughter

Is gift enough for thanks

To sip a glass of clean, cold water

Is gift enough for thanks

To watch the sunset paint the sky

Is gift enough for thanks.

To smell the fragrance of moist soil.

Is gift enough for thanks.

For every breath we take, for every beat of our hearts, for

Every sensation of our bodies.

Is gift enough for thanks.

For the earth that listens, for the hand that caresses,

For the arms the arms that reach out in love,

For the power of hope.

We give you thanks, O God.

For the presence you reveal to us,

For the courage you offer us,

For the rest you assure us well be ours:

We give you thanks, O 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

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

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning Blind Willie Johnson



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 25:1-13

MEDITATION

Keep Yo' Lamps Trimmed and Burnin'

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

People Get Ready

Curtis Mayfield

**People get ready
There's a train a-coming
You don't need no baggage
You just get on board
All you need is faith
To hear the diesels humming
Don't need no ticket
You just thank the Lord**

**So people get ready
For the train to Jordan
Picking up passengers' coast to coast
Faith is the key
Open the doors and board 'em
There's hope for all
Among those loved the most**

**So people get ready
There's a train a-comin'
You don't need no baggage
You just get on board
All you need is faith**

To hear the diesels humming
Don't need no ticket
You just thank the Lord

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 11, 2023

Saturday	11/11/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/12/23	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship 1717 MHF Annual Meeting (M)
Monday	11/13/23	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Greens (J) Church Council (G) AA (M)
Tuesday	11/14/23	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Greens (J) AA (M)
Wednesday	11/15/23	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Greens (J) AA (M)
Thursday	11/16/23	9:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due Greens (J) AA (M)
Friday	11/17/23	All Day	Rooster Crows Fair Set Up
Saturday	11/18/23	9 am – 2 pm 4:30 pm	Rooster Crows Fair Worship

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

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

