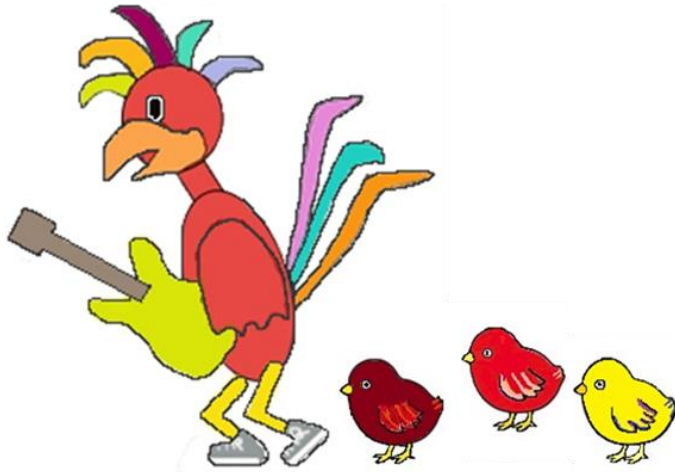


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 25, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

“At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ’s body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.” - Ephesians 1:21

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

Mourning Into Dancing

Ron Kenoly

You've turned my mourning into dancing again.

You've lifted my sorrows.

I can't stay silent;

I must sing for your joy as come.

**Where there once was only hurt,
you gave your healing hand;
where there was once only pain,
you brought comfort like a friend.**

**I feel the sweetness of your love
piercing my darkness:
and I see the bright and morning sun
as it ushers in your joyful gladness.**

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

OPENING PRAYER

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

May God be with us.

God is here among us

Let us open our hearts to God.

We open them to God and to one another.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

Children: Why do we give thanks at this table?

We give thanks because God is with us.

We thank you, God, Creator of us all;

From the beginning you made the world and all its creatures.

You made people to live for you and for one another.

We praise you, O God.

You created Adam and Eve and gave them a garden;

You showed Noah a rainbow;

You gave Moses strength to free your people

And taught Miriam to sing;

You gave courage to Esther

And loyalty to Ruth;

You gave David a harp to sing your praise,

And helped him defeat the giant.

We praise you, O God.

Yet, even they turned away from you

And forgot about you, as do we.

But you do not forget.

You sent Jesus to the world

To show how much you love us.

We praise you, O God.

He came as one of us,

First an infant, then a child,

Later a youth, then an adult.

He rejoiced with those who rejoiced,

And wept with those who wept.

To the despairing, he spoke a word of hope.

To the sick, he gave healing.

To the hurting he was a friend.

Still, people turned away from him.

They betrayed Jesus and nailed him to a cross.

But he was lifted from the grave and restored to life,

That he might be with us and we with him, for evermore.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Children: Why do we eat bread at this table?

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with friends, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it and gave it to them, saying: **“Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Each time you do this, remember me.”**

Children: Why do we drink from the cup at this table?

That same night, Jesus also took a cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying: **“Drink. This cup, poured out for you, is the promise of God. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”**

Children: What do we remember at this table?

We remember Jesus’ death and celebrate his resurrection;
We await with hope his coming again to bring peace and justice to the earth and we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The gifts of God, for the people of God. All things have now been made ready.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

All glory is yours, God most holy,

Now and forever.

Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

You Make Beautiful Things

Gungor



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-31

MEDITATION

Thanks be to God!

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Joys Are Flowing Like a River

Green #227

**Joys are flowing like a river,
since the Comforter has come;
Christ abides with us forever,
makes the trusting heart a home.**

Refrain

**Blessed quietness, holy quietness,
what assurance in my soul.
On the stormy sea Jesus speaks to me,
and the billows cease to roll.**

**Bringing new life and health and gladness
all around, this heavenly guest
banished unbelief and sadness,
changed our weariness to rest.**

Refrain

**Like the rain that falls from heaven,
like the sunlight from the sky,
so the Spirit too is given,
coming to us from on high.**

Refrain

See, a fruitful field is growing,
blessed fruit of righteousness,
and the streams of life are flowing
in the lonely wilderness.

Refrain

What a wonderful salvation,
when we always see Christ's face;
what a perfect habitation,
what a quiet resting place!

Refrain

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.

Would you like to play in the Saturday Band? Contact Steve G.



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The week of November 25, 2023

Saturday	11/25/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/26/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	11/27/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	11/28/23	10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	11/29/23	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	11/30/23	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Friday	12/1/23	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	12/2/23	4:30 pm	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**

