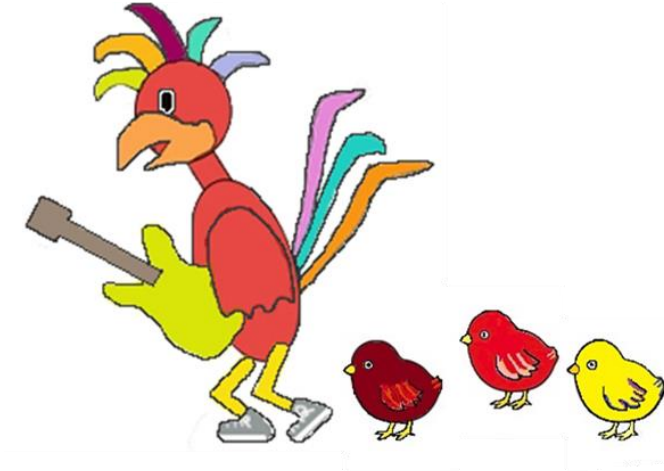


**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

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

January 20, 2024

4:30 p.m.

## **Come, Follow Me**

*After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the Message of God: "Time's up! God's kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message."*

*Passing along the beach of Lake Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew net-fishing. Fishing was their regular work. Jesus said to them, "Come with me. I'll make a new kind of fisherman out of you. I'll show you how to catch men and women instead of perch and bass." They didn't ask questions. They dropped their nets and followed. Mark 1:14-20*

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Fight for the powerless.**

## 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

*I Come to You*

tune: WAYFARING STRANGER

text Hannah Brown

**I come to you, the lost and scattered,  
I come to you, the smug and strong,  
I come to you, the souls gathered,  
Now come to me, learn you belong.**

***Refrain:* Leave all you've done, I am forgiving,  
Leave all you've known to come and see  
Leave all you've owned, you're just beginning  
Leave all you've been and follow me.**

**I come to you, the disregarded,  
I come to you, the scarred and shamed,  
I come to you, the broken-hearted,  
Now come to me and be reclaimed.**

***Refrain***

**I come to you, the false and failing  
I come to you, the wild and worn,  
I come to you, the wronged and railing,  
Now come to me and be reborn.**

***Refrain***

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 here is Pastor Reed, and Steve Gregory as our minister of music with Bob Moscato on guitar, 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

Iona Community

Creator of the whole, eternal God

**We have come from many places for a little while.**

Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

**We have come with all our differences, seeking common ground.**

Spirit of unity, Go-between God,

**We have come on journeys of our own, to a place where journeys meet.**

So here, in this shelter house, let us take time together. For when paths cross and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate

**In you name, three-in-one God, pattern of community Amen.**

**Forgive often.**

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, the QR code and 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

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus,  
And all who loved him.

It is the sharing with the poor of the world,  
With whom Jesus identified himself.

IONA COMMUNITY

It is the table of communion with the earth,  
In which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table,  
You who have much faith  
And you who would like to have more;  
You who have been here often  
And you who have not been for a long time;  
You who have tried to follow Jesus,  
And you who have failed;  
Come.  
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

#### THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER

Blessed is our brother Jesus,  
Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,  
And who is known to us in the breaking of bread.  
On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread  
And having blessed it  
He broke the bread  
And gave it to his disciples, saying,  
This is my body, given to you.  
In the same way he took wine  
And having given thanks for it  
He poured it out  
And gave the cup to his disciples, saying,  
This cup is the new relationship with God,  
Sealed with my blood.  
Take this and share it.  
I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Kingdom of God.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**We offer you praise, dear God, and hearts lifted high,  
For in the communion of your love  
Christ comes close to us  
And we come close to Christ.**

**Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,  
With earth, sea and sky,  
We sing to you.  
With the angels of light who envelop us,**

**With Michael and the host of heaven,  
With all the saints before and beside us,  
With Columba and Brigid, Patrick and Margaret,  
With brothers and sisters, east and west,  
We sing to you.**

**And with our loved ones,  
Separate from us now,  
Who yet in this mystery are close to us,  
We join in the song of your unending greatness.**

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Hear us, O Christ and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon his bread and wine.  
May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us,  
May we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world.

#### THE COMMUNION

Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.  
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come for all things have been made ready.

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

*Pirate Looks at 40*

Jimmy Buffett

A horizontal banner with a dark green, textured background. The words "Reject racism." are written in a large, white, serif font with a slight shadow effect.

SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**



CLOSING SONG

*Sitting by the Dock of the Bay*

Otis Redding

**Sittin' in the mornin' sun  
I'll be sittin' when the evenin' comes  
Watching the ships roll in  
Then I watch 'em roll away again, yeah**

**I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay  
Watchin' the tide roll away, ooh  
I'm just sittin' on the dock of the bay  
Wastin' time**

**I left my home in Georgia  
Headed for the Frisco Bay  
'Cause I've had nothin' to live for  
It look like nothin's gonna come my way**

**So I'm just gon' sittin' on the dock of the bay  
Watchin' the tide roll away, ooh  
I'm sittin' on the dock of the bay, wastin' time**

**Look like nothin's gonna change  
Everything still remains the same  
I can't do what ten people tell me to do  
So I guess I'll remain the same, yes**

**Sittin' here restin' my bones  
And this loneliness won't leave me alone, listen**

**Two thousand miles, I roam  
Just to make this dock my home**

**Now I'm just gon' sit, at the dock of the bay  
Watchin' the tide roll away, ooh yeah  
Sittin' on the dock of the bay  
Wastin' time**

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 at Nirvana in Barnstable Village on Tuesdays from 10 am -noon.  
Call, text, or email 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.

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



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**The week of January 20, 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	1/20/24	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	1/21/24	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	1/22/24	12:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	J. Murrelle Rehearsal (M) Council (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/23/24	10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	1/24/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	1/25/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	1/26/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	1/27/24	11:00 am 4:30 pm	John Doriss Memorial Service (M & J) Worship

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

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*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**

