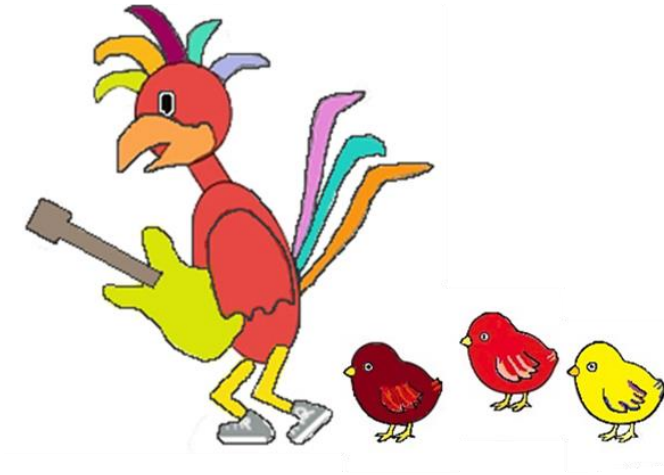


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 17, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Entering Lent; a journey towards Christ

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life."

Mark 1:9-15

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

This is The Day

Green 257

**This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
this is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
this is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
this is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.**

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

Leader: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

People: God was.

Leader: Here and now among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,

People: God is.

Leader: In the future, when we have turned to dust, and all we know has found its fulfillment,

People: God will be.

Leader: Not denying the world but delighting in it, not understanding the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,

People: God was, God is, God will be.

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.

Let us pray:

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

Humble And Kind

Lori McKenna



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalm 25:1-10, Mark 1:9-15

MEDITATION

Entering Lent; *a journey towards Christ*

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Green 481

**Lift every voice and sin till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening of the skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.**

**Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our people sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading out path through the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.**

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
God who has brought us thus far on the way;
God, who by glorious might, has led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met you;
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget you;
shadowed beneath your hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.**

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.



A New Serenity Prayer

By Fr. James Martin, SJ

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the people I cannot change,
which is pretty much everyone,
since I'm clearly not you, God.
At least not the last time I checked.

And while you're at it, God,
please give me the courage
to change what I need to change about myself,
which is frankly a lot, since, once again,
I'm not you, which means I'm not perfect.
It's better for me to focus on changing myself
than to worry about changing other people,
who, as you'll no doubt remember me saying,
I can't change anyway.

Finally, give me the wisdom to just shut up
whenever I think that I'm clearly smarter
than everyone else in the room,
that no one knows what they're talking about except me,
or that I alone have all the answers.

Basically, God,
grant me the wisdom
to remember that I'm
not you.
Amen.



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.

“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 February 17, 2024

Saturday	2/17/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/18/24	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	2/19/24	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Tuesday	2/20/24	10:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Nirvana Music Lessons (M) Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	2/21/24	12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	2/22/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	2/23/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	2/24/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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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**

