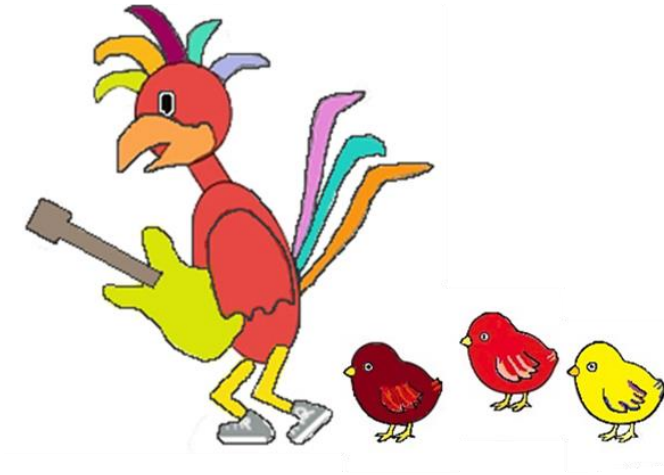


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 24, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

Mark 8:34-37

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’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Green #467

**I’m gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.
I’m gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.**

**I’m gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.
I’m gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.**

**I’m gonna pray so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.
I’m gonna pray so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.**

**I’m gonna sing so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.
I’m gonna sing so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.**

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

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent
towards the One who calls us each by a new name.

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,
pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,
whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

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

IONA COMMUNITY

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.

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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, God of peace and promise.

Through the words of your prophets

And the faith of your followers

You prepare the way of our redemption

And bring hope to birth.
And though we often grow weary of waiting,
Your signs call us to keep watch for that day
When all things shall be made new.
In assurance of this hope,
We join with all the company of heaven and earth
To give you praise.
Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Stormy Monday

T-Bone Walker



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalm 22:23-31, Mark 8:31-38

MEDITATION

Come Close: God Abide with Us

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Amazing Grace

Green #401

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

Through many dangers, toils and snare I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been here ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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.

“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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Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
Donna Murphy, Music Director
Kristen Lind, Family School Director
Susan Moeller, Council Chair

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor
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The week of February 24, 2024

Saturday	2/24/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/25/24	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	2/26/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	2/27/24	10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Nirvana Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	2/28/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	2/29/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Friday	3/1/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	3/2/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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Enjoy this life.

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

