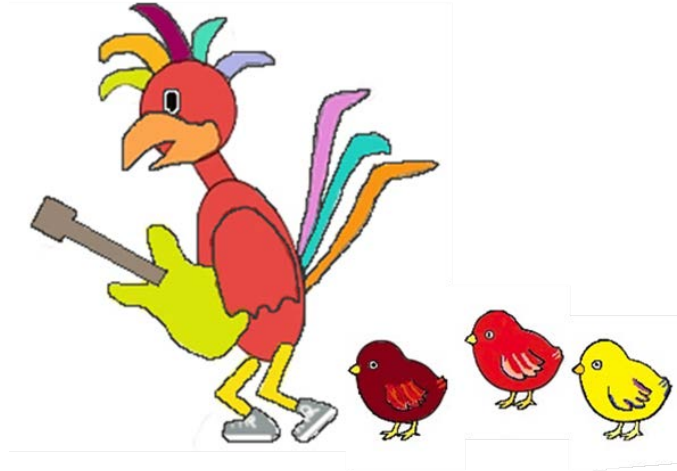


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 2, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Blessed Are Those Who Suffer

There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

Romans 5:1-11

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 “Somebody’s Knockin’ at Your Door”

Green #305

**Somebody's knockin' at your door;
Somebody's knockin' at your door;
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.**

**Knocks like Jesus.
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Knocks like Jesus.
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.**

**Can't you hear him?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Can't you hear him?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.**

Jesus calls you,
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
Jesus calls you,
Somebody's knockin' at your door.
O sinner, why don't you answer?
Somebody's knockin' at your door.

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

Kate Bowler

Lord, the shadowed world is full of troubles. So give me the good inconvenient work of love.

Link my life to others so that their worries become my own.

Give me errands I don't want which ease the burdens of others. Divert me from the plans I've made to zip from A to B when you have better ideas. Put my hands to work with a less-grumbling heart and let their dreams drift into my own.

You've given me tools to use and ideas to fashion that will bring me neither recognition, nor money, nor praise.

You've made loves such a sneaky thing. The more we love as you do, the less we are keeping track of it all. 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

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

Let's Stay Together

Al Green

Reject racism.

SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Romans 5:1-11

MEDITATION

Blessed are Those Who Suffer

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

“Softly and Tenderly”

Green #303

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and me;
patient and loving, he’s waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

Refrain

**Come home, come home, ye who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling – calling, “O sinner, come home!”**

**Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and me?
Why should we wait, then, and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and me?**

Refrain

**O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and me;
though we have sinned he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and me.**

Refrain

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.

Sign up for Easter flowers!



Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?

Please fill out the form below and drop off or mail it to the church office with \$12 per plant by Monday, March 18, 2024.

Given by _____

(please circle one) in memory / honor / celebration of:

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship service.

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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Venmo @WestParish or scan the QR code.



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Be sure you select “West Parish of Barnstable” under the charity profiles.

If you would like your donation to go toward something specific like “Deacons”, note that in the description.

Church Staff

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

Christine Burns, Associate Pastor
Susan McEwen, Office Administrator
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The week of March 2, 2024

Saturday	3/2/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/3/24	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Worship Score Music Recital (J)
Monday	3/4/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	3/5/24	10:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Nirvana Music Lessons (M) J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	3/6/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	3/7/24	9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Friday	3/8/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) J. Murelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Saturday	3/9/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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