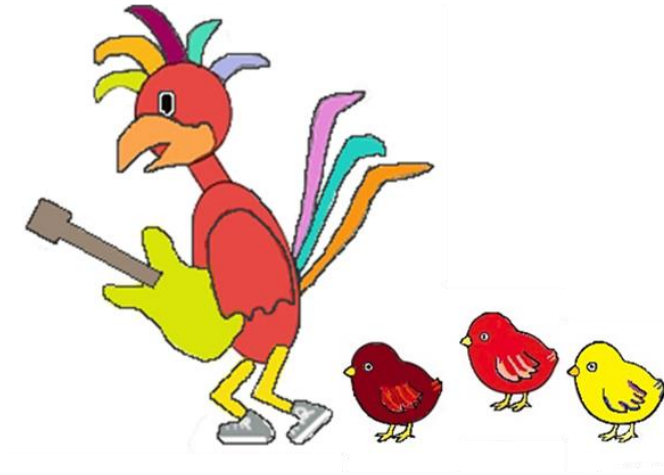


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

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

March 9, 2024

4:30 p.m.

*Blessed Are Those Who Feel Alone*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23: King James Version

**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 Will Sing of Your Love

Christopher Grundy

**I will sing of your love love love of your steadfast love for as long as I live  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**I will sing of a love so wide that it welcomes the neighbor and will not divide  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**and I will sing let the children come do not hinder them for you love everyone  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**I will sing of the trees so tall of the oceans so deep and your love for them all  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**your love is stronger than the mountains soaks through me like the falling rain  
it's Knowing that I am answering your call whenever someone needs a neighbor  
and where ever there is a child in pain will be working on a just world for all**

**I will sing of your love love love of your steadfast love for as long as I live  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live  
for as long as I live**

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

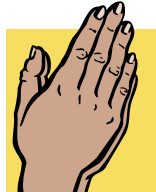
**All: ONE diverse community**

**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 based on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm

One: We rejoice in the One who leads us beside still waters,

**All: and gives us refreshment of soul.**

One: Christ our Shepherd shows us the way we should go,

**All: so that the name of God will be glorified.**

One: Though all manner of evil befall us, we will not be afraid,

**All: for the Great Shepherd of our souls is with us.**

One: We are never away from the love and mercy of the Lord,

**All: and we shall be with him for ever and ever. Amen!**

from the [Lectionary Sermons Worship Resources](#) archive.

**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,

IONA COMMUNITY

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

So Lonely

Gordon Sumner

**Reject racism.**

SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalms 23, John 2:13-22

MEDITATION

*Blessed Are Those Who Suffer Alone*

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Joys Are Flowing Like a River

Green #227

**Joys are flowing like 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 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

**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  
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## 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:

\_\_\_\_\_

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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](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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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

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**The week of March 9, 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	3/9/24	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	3/10/24	10:00 am	Worship
<b>Monday</b>	3/11/24	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm Board (G)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/12/24	10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Christie's Coffee Hours @ Nirvana Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/13/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G & Z) AA (J) WITS at Pastor Christie's
<b>Thursday</b>	3/14/24	8:00 am 9:15 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast @ Jack's Out Back FS Science (J) AA (J) WB Festival Committee (G)
<b>Friday</b>	3/15/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	3/16/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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OF CHRIST**

