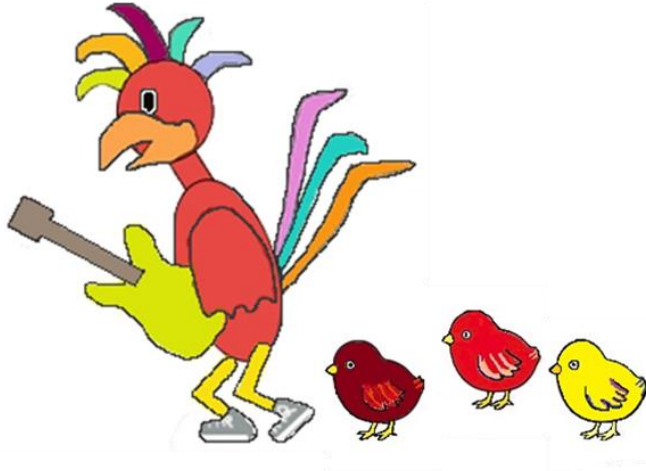


**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

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

April 13, 2024

4:30 p.m.

## **Christ Among Us**

*While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.*

Luke 24:36-43

**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

Every time I Feel the Spirit / trad.

Green #439

*Refrain*

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
I asked my Lord if all were mine.

*Refrain*

O Jordan River is chilly and cold,  
it chills the body, not the soul.  
There's only one train upon this track;  
it runs to heaven, then right back.

*Refrain*

O I have heartache and I have woe,  
and I have trouble here below.  
But while God leads me, I'll never fear,  
for I am sheltered by God's care.

*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

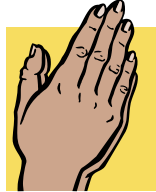
**All: ONE diverse community**

**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)

Creator of the world, eternal God,

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

Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

**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 your name, three-in-one God,**

**Pattern of community. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER (a rune of hospitality)

Iona

Let us say together the words of an old Celtic rune of hospitality.

**We saw a stranger yesterday,**

**We put food in the eating place,**

**Drink in the drinking place**

**And, with the sacred name of the triune God,**

**He blessed us and our house,**

**Our cattle and our dead ones.**

As the lark says in her song:  
Often, often, often, goes Christ in the stranger's guise.

## 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 this 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

Wildflowers

Tom Petty



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 24:36b-48

MEDITATION

Christ Among Us

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Put A Little Love In Your Heart

Al Green

**Think of your fellow man, lend him a helping hand  
Put a little love in your heart  
You see, it's getting late, oh, please don't hesitate  
Put a little love in your heart**

**And the world will be a better place  
And the world will be a better place for you and me  
You just wait and see**

**Another day goes by, and still the children cry  
Put a little love in your heart  
If you want the world to know, we won't let hatred grow  
Put a little love in your heart**

And the world will be a better place  
And the world will be a better place for you and me  
You just wait and see, wait and see

Take a good look around and if you're lookin' down  
Put a little love in your heart, yeah  
I hope when you decide kindness will be your guide  
Put a little love in your heart  
And the world will be a better place  
And the world will be a better place for you and me  
You just wait and see

Put a little love in your heart  
I said now put a little love in your heart  
Put a little love in your heart  
Put a little love in your heart  
Put a little love in your heart  
Put a little love in your heart

A little bit of love, a little bit of love  
A little little little bit of love in your heart yeah  
A little bit of love, a little bit of love  
A great big face of love in your heart

WORDS OF SENDING



SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Sam Baker

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  
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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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### Church Staff

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**The week of April 13, 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	4/13/24	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	4/14/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	4/15/24	5:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	4/16/24	10:00 am 12:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	4/17/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	4/18/24	5:00 pm	<b>Rooster Crows Articles Due</b> AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	4/19/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	4/20/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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**Fight for the powerless.**

*Share earthly and spiritual resources.*

Embrace diversity.

**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

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

