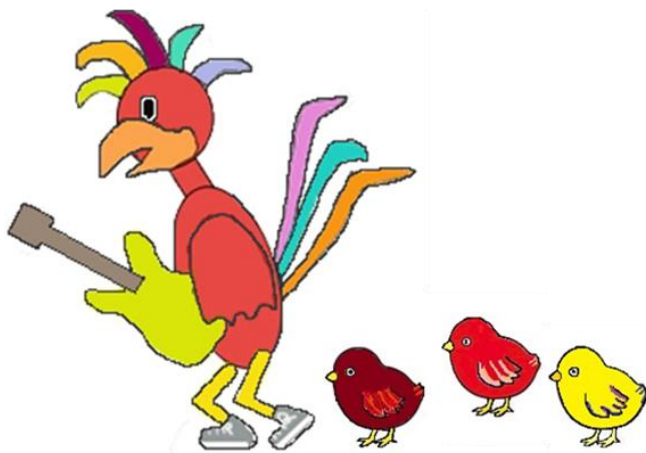


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 20, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Swaddled in Love

Psalm 23

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.

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 **He's Got the Whole World in His Hands**

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in his hands.

(Sing three times)

He's got the whole world in his hands.

3 He's got the little tiny baby in his hands. . . .

(Sing three times)

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, brother, in his hands. . . .

(Sing three times)

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got you and me, sister, in his hands. . . .

(Sing three times)

He's got the whole world in his hands.

He's got everybody here in his hands. . . .

(Sing three times)

He's got the whole world in his hands.

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 (Presbyterian Church of Canada, inspired by Luke 15:1-10)

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us

and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;

let us worship God together.

OPENING PRAYER (**Barnabas in Churches**)

Today, we are giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and the mother-like nurture that many people show to others in their lives.

Isaiah wrote that God is a mother to us,
comforting and carrying us in her arms:

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you... (Isa. 66:13)

Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Isaiah also wrote that God would never forget us.

He knows each of us, like a mother knows her own children:
*Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
and have no compassion on the child she has borne?
Though she may forget, I will not forget you! (Isa.49:15)*
Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

David wrote that in God's presence, he was quiet and at peace,
trusting his mother God like a child safe in loving arms:
*But I have stilled and quietened my soul;
like a weaned child with its mother,
like a weaned child is my soul within me (Psalm 131:2)*
Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Jesus spoke of himself as a mother,
longing to wrap his arms around us,
like a mother hen gathers her chicks under her wings:
*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...
how often I have longed to gather your children together,
as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings,
but you were not willing (Matthew 23:37)*
Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

Paul writes about his missionary ministry
and likens his work to that of a nurse who looks after those in her care:
*... but we were gentle among you,
like a mother caring for her little children (1 Thessalonians 2:7).*
Loving Lord, thank you for your tender care.

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 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

Baby I Love Your Way

Peter Frampton



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalm 23
John 10:11-18

MEDITATION

Swaddled in Love

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Green # 327

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the word I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living God, to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk to rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closed in and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

WORDS OF SENDING

Love God.

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
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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Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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The week of April 20, 2024

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| Saturday | 4/20/24 | 4:30 pm | Worship |
| Sunday | 4/21/24 | 10:00 am 5:00 pm | Worship AA (J) |
| Monday | 4/22/24 | 4:00 pm 5:00 pm | Council (G) AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 4/23/24 | 10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm | Christie's Coffee Hours @ Nirvana Choir (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) |
| Wednesday | 4/24/24 | 9:15 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) AA (J) |
| Thursday | 4/25/24 | 9:15 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) AA (J) |
| Friday | 4/26/24 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm | Stewardship (G) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (Reed's Office) AA (J) |
| Saturday | 4/27/24 | 4:30 pm | Worship |

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

BE THE CHURCH

Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

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**

