

It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 27, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Resist!

“He has told you, human one, what is good and what the LORD requires from you: to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8

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

Blackbird

Lennon/McCartney

**Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken wings and learn to fly
All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to arise**

**Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these sunken eyes and learn to see
All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to be**

**All your life
You were only waiting for this moment to arise**

**Blackbird singing in the dead of night
Take these broken eyes and learn to see
All your life
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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. We welcome Dr. Katie Flynn as our guest speaker. Kim Moberg is our guest minister of music and a special appearance by my cousin Peter Hall with his one man band, 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

One: Peace on each one who comes in need.

All: PEACE ON EACH ONE WHO COMES IN JOY.

One: Peace on each one who offers prayers.

ALL: PEACE ON EACH ONE WHO OFFERS SONG.

One: Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son.

ALL: PEACE OF THE SPIRIT, THE TRIUNE GOD.

OPENING PRAYER

(following Aboriginal tradition, praying The Directions from the United Church of Canada)

Facing east

From the East, the direction of the rising sun,

We receive peace and light and wisdom and knowledge.

We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

Facing south

From the South comes warmth, guidance,

And the beginning and the end of life.

We are grateful for these gifts

Facing west

From the West comes the rain,
Purifying waters, to sustain all living things,
We are grateful to these gifts, O God.

Facing north

From the North comes the cold and mighty wind,
The white snows, giving us strength and endurance.
We are grateful for these gifts, O God.

Facing downward

From the earth we come to the earth we will return.
We are grateful for your creation, Mother Earth, O God.

**May we walk good paths, O God,
Living on this earth as siblings should;
Rejoicing in one another's blessings,
Sympathizing in one another's sorrows,
And together with you renewing the face of the earth.**

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

Resist

Kim Moberg



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Micah 6:1-8

MEDITATION A Challenge to What We “Know” About Border Crossers

Dr. Katie Flynn and Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Peter Hall's song

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
Let us hope
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Indigenous award winning singer/songwriter Kim Moberg was born in Juneau, Alaska. Her rich vocals - influenced by singer/songwriters of the 1970s - have been described as “a blend of honey and whiskey” that gently guides listeners through her musical stories while her compositions tug at feelings of melancholy, heartbreak, healing and social consciousness. Kim teamed with Grammy-nominated producer Jon Evans to record three albums, all receiving world wide airplay and charting on both the Folk Alliance International Folk DJ and NACC radio charts. Kim’s latest project “The Seven Fires Prophecy Suite for Humanity” was released in 2023 and features songs that tie ancient Anishinaabe prophecies to our current social environment. Kim numerous recognitions include 2024 Folk Alliance International Official Showcase Artist, 2021 Great American Songwriting Contest Folk/Americana Finalist, and 2020 CT Folk Grassy Hill Songwriting Competition Winner. www.kimmobergmusic.com

Katie Flynn has always had a desire to help people. She is fostering a passion for those who have unfairly been treated based on race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, gender identity or sexual orientation. She is expanding her work as a physician, is learning about public health, and trying to undo the injustices that have left certain populations behind.

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 6, 2024

Saturday	4/6/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/7/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	4/8/24	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm (G)
Tuesday	4/9/24	10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Nirvana Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	4/10/24	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Board (G) AA (J) WITS @ Pastor Christie's
Thursday	4/11/24	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)
Friday	4/12/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	4/13/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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Love God.

Enjoy this life.

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

