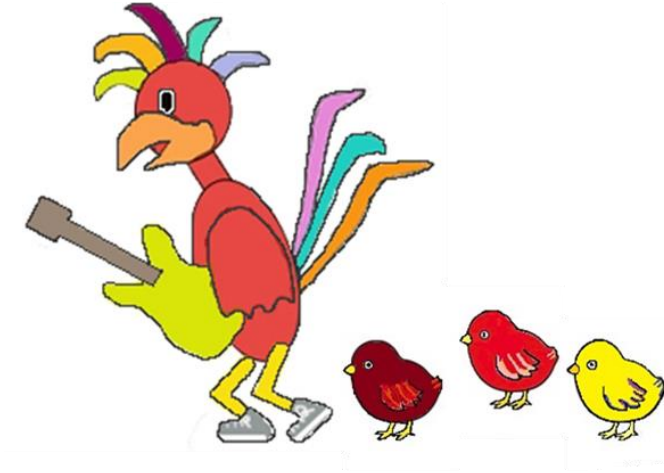


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 4, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Friendship

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you that your joy may be complete.”

John 15:9-11

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Green #442

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.**

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 Becca as our guest minister of music, 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: Jesus said: Love one another.

All: We come to worship god who is love, that we may learn to love one another.

One: Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you friends.

ALL: We come to worship god, whose friends we are in Christ.

One: Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship; through Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Bishop Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power. God make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom. 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

How Can You Not
Rebecca Mann soloist

Leanna Crawford



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 15:9-17

MEDITATION

Friendship

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Trust and Obey

**When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!**

While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey. [*Refrain*]

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
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
Donna Murphy, Music Director
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The week of May 4, 2024

Saturday	5/4/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/5/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	5/6/24	7:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Welcomes Alycia Williams John Murrelle Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Tuesday	5/7/24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm 10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Parent Conferences (G) Christie’s Coffee Hours @ Nirvana 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation (G) AA (J)
Wednesday	5/8/24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm 9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G) FS Board (G) AA (J) WITS @ Pastor Christie’s
Thursday	5/9/24	8:00 am 8:30 am – 4:00 pm 9:15 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men’s Breakfast @ Jack’s Out Back FS Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) AA (J) WB Festival Committee (G)
Friday	5/10/24	8:30 am – 4:00 pm 9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (Reed’s Office) AA (J) Drowning Saltmarshes talk (M)
Saturday	5/11/24	12:00 pm 4:30 pm	Shirley Whitelaw Memorial (M) Worship

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

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OF CHRIST**

