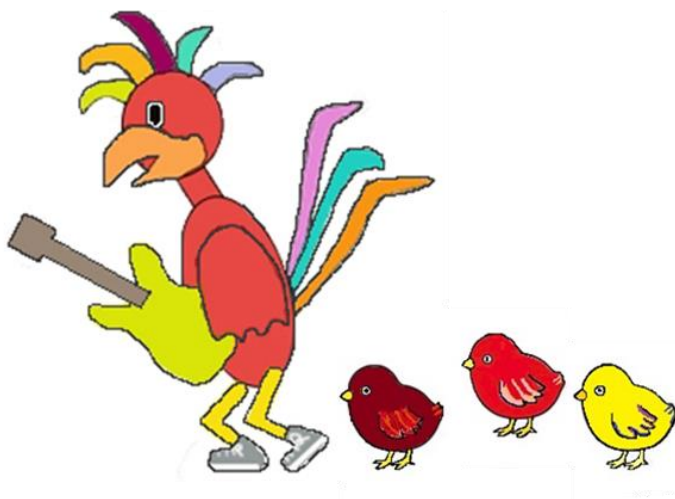


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

May 25, 2024

4:30 p.m.

“There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.”

Acts 4:36-37

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'll Fly Away"

Some bright morning when this life is over

I'll fly away

To that home on Gods celestial shore

I'll fly away

***Refrain:* I'll fly away, oh glory**

I'll fly away (in the morning)

When I die hallelujah by and by

I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone

I'll fly away

Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly

I'll fly away

Refrain

Oh how glad and happy when we meet

I'll fly away

No more cold iron shackles on my feet

I'll fly away

Refrain

Just a few more weary days and then

I'll fly away

To a land where joys will never end

I'll fly away

Refrain

WELCOME

Pastor Reed Baer

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 Reed, and here is Steve Gregory, our director 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!



RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, people of God, and let us worship the One from whom comes every generous act of giving!

Many: We come to worship our God, who is Love, and who has given the earth to all people.

One: We come to worship Jesus Christ, who came to heal us and to free us from all forms of oppression.

Many: We come to worship the Holy Spirit, who works in and through all who have turned to the truth.

One: We come as a community of faith, responding in faith to our Triune God, called to be at the service of all people.

Many: We come to hear God's word, and we come to go forth, strengthened to be doers as well as hearers of the word.

THE COVENANT OF WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE

Adopted by the congregation on the occasion of the 400th anniversary

We solemnly and faithfully covenant together with God and one another to walk in all God's ways, honoring the past and embracing the future.

As a part of this covenant we vow to:

- love all in word and deed as Jesus teaches;
- openly welcome and affirm all persons;
- respect those with whom we differ and work toward reconciliation;
- work for peace and social and economic justice;
- participate in a Spirit-led outreach with the community and the world beyond;
- respond in our service, worship, and organization to the challenges of these times, as God guides us;
- engage with the wider Christian community and other faith traditions;
- respect and preserve God's earth.

This we so covenant, relying on the grace of God, the guidance of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. 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

Enjoy this life.

INVITATION

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.

IONA COMMUNITY

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 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 for you.
In the same way he took wine
And having given thanks for it
he 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

Down on the Corner

John Fogarty



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Acts 4:32-37

MEDITATION

“Imagine That”

Pastor Reed

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

“Imagine”

John Lennon

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Living for today...

Imagine there's no countries
Isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace.

Refrain:

A-ha you may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world...

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
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 – but not this week! 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. But not today!

Would you like to play in the Saturday Band? Contact Steve G.



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Need to get connected? Wi-Fi: Meetinghouse Password: 1717Rooster

Venmo @WestParish or scan the QR code.



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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.

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The week of May 25, 2024

Saturday	5/25/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/26/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	5/27/24	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Tuesday	5/28/24	8:30 am-4:00 pm 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Conferences (G) Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	5/29/24	8:30 am-4:00 pm 9:15 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Conferences (G) FS Science (J) AA (J) Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year (M)
Thursday	5/30/24	8:30 am-4:00 pm 9:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Conferences (G) FS Science (J) AA (J)
Friday	5/31/24	9:15 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) Steve Howland (M)
Saturday	6/1/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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Protect the environment.

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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**

