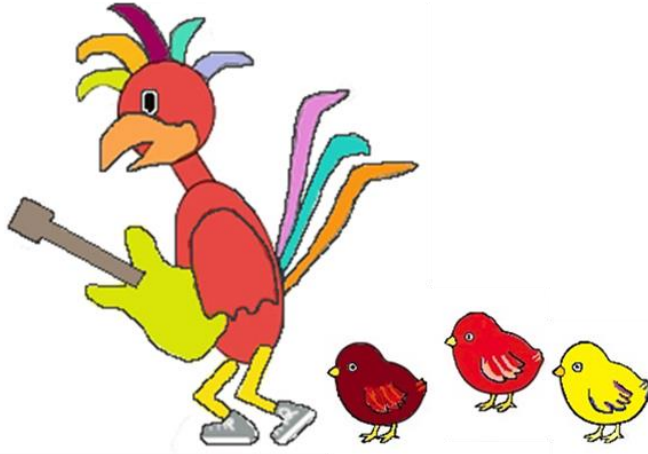


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 15, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Grow Where You Are Planted!

“How can we picture God’s kingdom? What kind of story can we use? It’s like an acorn. When it lands on the ground it is quite small as seeds go, yet once it is planted it grows into a huge oak tree with thick branches. Eagles nest in it.” Mark 3:30-32

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'm Going To Live So God Can Use Me
I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.
I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.

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I'm gonna work ...

I'm gonna pray ...

I'm gonna sing ...

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 director 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

(adapted from Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15)

It is good to give thanks to the Holy One, to sing praises to your name, O Most High,

To declare your steadfast love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,

To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O God, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Holy One; they flourish in the courts of our God.

In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of nectar,

All: Showing that the Divine One is upright; God is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in the Holy One.

OPENING PRAYER

God of summer and spring, we put our trust in you. Carry us as we go about the work and joy of living as your people on this beautiful land of Cape Cod. Help us to find reasons to see growth even in hard times. Strengthen and renew us as we draw together to worship for the last time for this season. Guide and protect us as we go about the business of following you on all the roads and paths we may take in the coming months. 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

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,

IONA COMMUNITY

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

Wild Flowers

Tom Petty



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Mark 4:26-34

MEDITATION

Grow Where You Are Planted!

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

In the Bulb there is a Flower

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**In the bulb there is flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

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
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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.

Pastors Christie and Reed extend a huge thank you to everyone who has worshipped with us all year long for Saturday services.

We will resume Saturday church on September 7th at 4:30 p.m.!
Bring your friends!
Blessings, Christie



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The week of June 15, 2024

Saturday	6/15/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	6/16/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	6/17/24	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	6/18/24	4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Finance (G) AA (J)
Wednesday	6/19/24	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Thursday	6/20/24	Rooster Crows Articles due for July/August issue 5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	6/21/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	6/22/24	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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