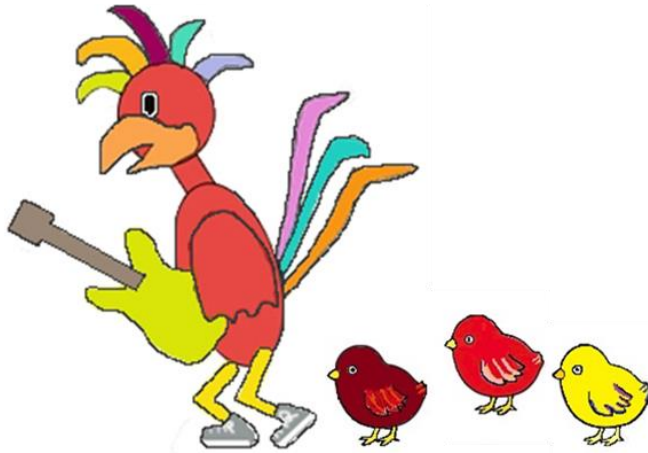


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 7, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Welcome Back!

*“Then Jesus looked up in prayer, groaned mightily, and commanded,
‘Ephphatha! - Open up!’*

And it happened. The man's hearing was clear and his speech plain—just like that.”

Mark 7:34

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

Jesus is the Rock

Larry Norman

**Refrain: Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away
(bop shoe bop, shoe bop, whoo!) 3x**

**When you're out on the street and you really feel down and low
When you're out on the street 'cause there's nowhere else to go
When you're out on the street, well, Jesus gonna save your soul, cause**

Refrain

**When you wake up in the mornin' and the sky ain't bright and blue
When you wake up in the mornin' and the big world's after you
When you wake up in the mornin', yeah, Jesus gonna pull you through, cause**

Refrain

**When you look in the mirror and your face causes it to crack
When you make it through your day, but you feel like you've been attacked
Well Jesus gonna love you and now baby, that's a fact, cause**

Refrain

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, 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: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

One: Christ is with us

People: Christ is in our midst.

One: Let us pray.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. May Jesus' promise, "where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them", be fulfilled in us. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High. 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,
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 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

Welcome Back

John Sebastian



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Mark 7:24-37

MEDITATION

Be Opened

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



Refrain

As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good old way,
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, sisters, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

Refrain

Oh, brothers let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Oh, brothers, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

Refrain

Oh, children let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Oh, children, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

Refrain

Oh, sinners let's go down,
let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sisters, let's go down,
down to the river to pray.

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING



SONG OF SENDING

Go in peace
Go in kindness
Go in love

Go In Peace

Sam Baker

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 10-11:30 am.
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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The week of September 7, 2024

Saturday	9/7/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/8/24	10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship Special Congregational Meeting (M) AA (J)
Monday	9/9/24	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/10/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana AA (J)
Wednesday	9/11/24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	9/12/24	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back Fair Crafters (J) AA (J) WB Festival Committee (G)
Friday	9/13/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	9/14/24	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.

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**

