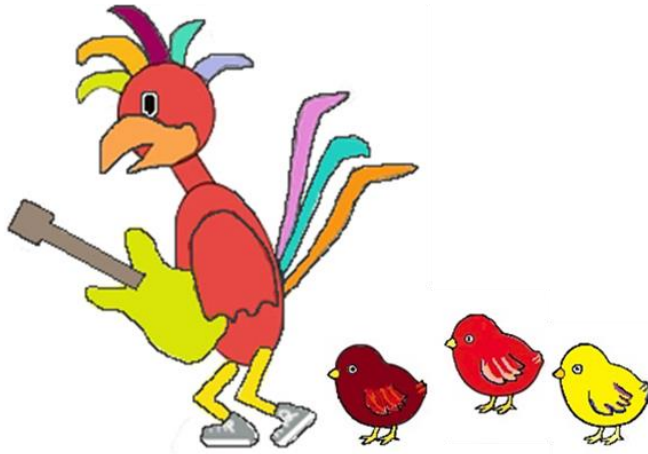


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 14, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Who Are You Jesus?

Jesus and his disciples headed out for the villages around Caesarea Philippi.

As they walked, he asked, "Who do the people say I am?"

"Some say 'John the Baptizer,'" they said.

"Others say 'Elijah.' Still others say 'one of the prophets.'"

He then asked, "And you—what are you saying about me? Who am I?"

Peter gave the answer: "You are the Christ, the Messiah."

Mark 8:27-29

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

Old Time Religion

traditional

**Give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion
Give me that old time religion
It is good enough for me**

**It was good for my old mother
It was good for my old mother
It was good for my old mother
And it's good enough for me**

**It was good for my old father
It was good for my old father
It was good for my old father
And it's good enough for me**

**It was good for the Hebrew children
It was good for the Hebrew children
It was good for the Hebrew children
And it's good enough for me**

**It was good for Paul and Silas
It was good for Paul and Silas**

It was good for Paul and Silas
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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, 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 heavens shout of God's glory!

All: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!

One: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.

All: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.

One: Come, let us praise the God of creation.

All: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

O God,

Where hearts are fearful and confined, grant freedom and daring; where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance; where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance; where distrust reshapes every understanding, grant healing and transformation; where spirits are daunted and dimmed, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. 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.
What set Christians apart, what made them radical, was that in a time of intense political,
social and religious divisions, they set a table where all are welcome.
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

You Say

Lauren Daigle



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Mark 8:27-38

MEDITATION

Who Do You Say That I Am?

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Oh Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

Green #465

**O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me thy patience; still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.**

**In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

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

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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Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher

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The week of September 14, 2024

Saturday	9/14/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/15/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Outreach (G) Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/16/24	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/17/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Finance (G) AA (J)
Wednesday	9/18/24	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	9/19/24	10:00 am 10:15 am-12:00 pm 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Dues Fair Crafters (J) Academy for Life Long Learners (M) AA (J)
Friday	9/20/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	9/21/24	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**

