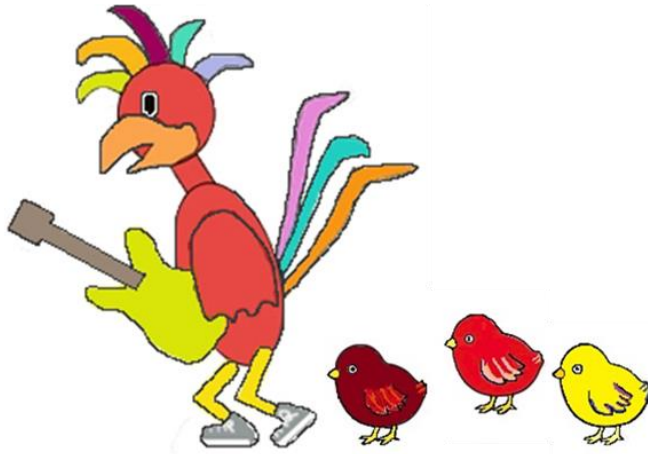


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 21, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Who Shall Be First? The Children

He sat down and summoned the Twelve.

“So you want first place? Then take the last place. Be the servant of all.”

He put a child in the middle of the room. Then, cradling the little one in his arms, he said,

“Whoever embraces one of these children as I do embraces me,

and far more than me - God who sent me.” Mark 9:35-37

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

Step By Step

**O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
O God You are my God
And I will ever praise You
I will seek You in the morning
And I will learn to walk in Your ways
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days
(Repeat)**

**And I will follow You all of my days
And I will follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days
And step by step You'll lead me
And I will follow You all of my days**

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 John Williams as our guest musician, 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

L: The disciples argued about their own importance to Jesus.

P: Who would be first in His sight, they wanted to know.

L: And Jesus took a small child and placed the child in their midst.

Whoever receives this child in my name, receives me, He said.

P: And whoever receives the Lord, receives the one who sent him.

L: And they looked at the small child and wondered. Lord, help us to open our eyes to your love.

P: Remind us again, Lord, that we are called to ministries of service.

L: Get us ready, Lord, for the witness you would have us bear.

OPENING PRAYER

God, we come from swimming practice, working in the garden, caring for the ill and beloved family members and friends. We come with hopes and dreams. We come with joy and tears. We come and ask that you welcome us as Jesus welcomed the children first. You do not promise that following you will be easy, but you teach that your way is one of peace, gentleness and mercy, of welcome for all. Guide us by your wisdom and inspire us to embrace your way of living, so that we might draw near to you. 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

Draw Me Close

Verse

**Draw me close to You never let me go
I lay it all down again
To hear You say that I'm Your friend**

You are my desire no one else will do
'Cause nothing else could take Your place
To feel the warmth of Your embrace
Help me find the way bring me back to You

Chorus

You're all I want
You're all I've ever needed
You're all I want
Help me know You are near

Ending

Help me know You are here



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Mark 9:30-37

MEDITATION

Who Shall Be First?

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
any time, and anywhere!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
any time, and anywhere!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me
any time, and anywhere!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
any time, and anywhere!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me
any time, and anywhere!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
any time, and anywhere!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me
any time, and anywhere!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
any time, and anywhere!**

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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The week of September 14, 2024

Saturday	9/14/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/15/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	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 Solar Task Force (G) AA (J)
Wednesday	9/18/24	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	9/19/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fair Crafters (J) 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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Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

