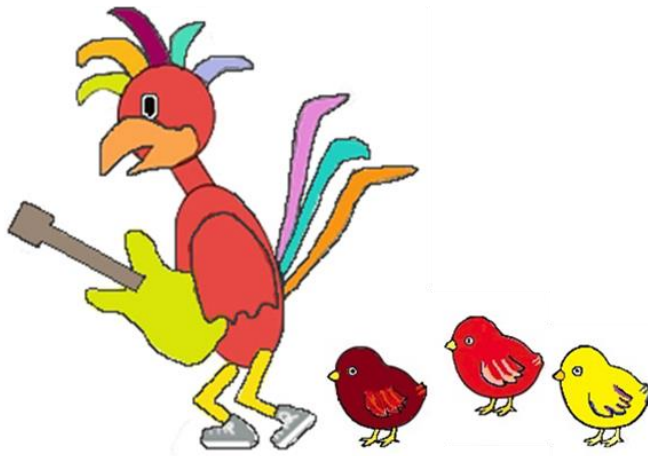


*It's Saturday*



# ***Let's Do Church!***

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

September 28, 2024

4:30 p.m.

**Courage For Community**

*“So the king and Haman went to dinner with Queen Esther.*

*At this second dinner, while they were drinking wine the king again asked,*

*‘Queen Esther, what would you like? Half the kingdom! Just ask and it is yours.’*

*“Queen Esther answered, ‘If I have found favor in your eyes, O King, and if it please the king, give me my life, and give my people their lives.’”* Esther 7:1-3

**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

Peace Like a River

Green #426

**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, in-a my soul.  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river, in-a my soul.**

**I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain, in-a my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain, in-a my soul.**

**I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean, in-a my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean, in-a my soul.**

**I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor, in-a my soul.  
I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor,  
I've got faith like an anchor, in-a my soul.**

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 is 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

L: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

**P: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.**

L: We struggle and worry.

**P: God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.**

L: Listen for God's call to you.

**P: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Dear God, we pray for the faith and courage to be more like Esther. Help us to have the courage to stand up to injustice and fight for freedom for the oppressed. Give us courage for the journey and strength to keep on through the trials and joys of our days. Let us work towards freedom for all. Help us carry each other's burdens. 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

“Find Your People”

Drew Holcomb

**Reject racism.**

MEDITATION

Courage for Community

Rev. Christie Burns

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**



CLOSING SONG

With Little Help From My Friends

Lennon and McCartney

**What would you think if I sang out of tune  
Would you stand up and walk out on me?  
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song  
And I'll try not to sing out of key  
Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends**

**What do I do when my love is away?  
(Does it worry you to be alone?)  
How do I feel by the end of the day?  
(Are you sad because you're on your own?)  
No I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends**

**(Do you need anybody?)  
I need somebody to love  
(Could it be anybody?)  
I want somebody to love**

**(Would you believe in a love at first sight?)  
Yes I'm certain that it happens all the time  
(What do you see when you turn out the light?)  
I can't tell you, but I know it's mine  
Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
Oh I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends**

(Do you need anybody?)  
I just need someone to love  
(Could it be anybody?)  
I want somebody to love

Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends  
Oh I get high with a little help from my friends  
Yes I get by with a little help from my friends  
With a little help from my friends

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](mailto: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 28, 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	9/28/24	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	9/29/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	9/30/24	10:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) Council (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/1/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10/2/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	10/3/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Fair Crafters (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	10/4/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	10/5/24	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**

