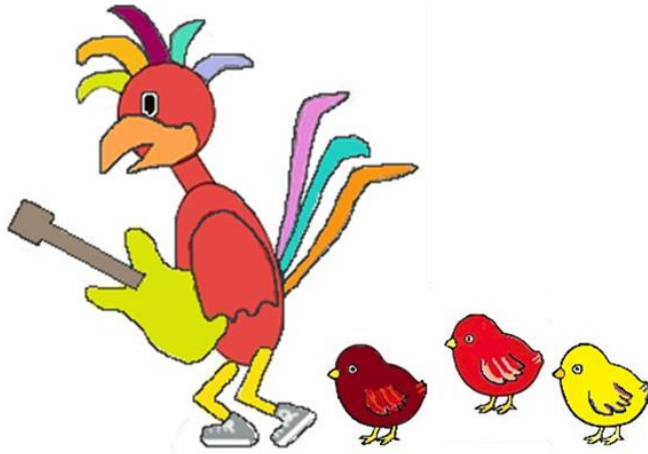


*It's Saturday*



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

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

October 5, 2024

4:30 p.m.

**Surrounded by Love**

*The people brought children to Jesus, hoping he might touch them. The disciples shooed them off. But Jesus was irate and let them know it: "Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom. Mark this: Unless you accept God's kingdom in the simplicity of a child, you'll never get in." Then, gathering the children up in his arms, he laid his hands of blessing on them.*

Mark 10:13-16

**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

Get Together

Chet Powers

**Love is but a song we sing  
Fear's the way we die  
You can make the mountains ring  
Or make the angels cry  
Though the bird is on the wing  
And you may not know why**

*refrain*

**Come on people now  
Smile on your brother  
Everybody get together  
Try to love one another right now**

**Some may come and some may go  
We will surely pass  
When the one that left us here  
Returns for us at last  
We are but a moment's sunlight  
Fading in the grass**

*refrain*

If you hear the song I sing  
You will understand (listen!)  
You hold the key to love and fear  
All in your trembling hand  
Just one key unlocks them both  
It's there at your command

*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 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 (based on Psalm 26)

One: The Holy One dwells within and beyond the congregation and makes a home among us.

**Many: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.**

One: The glory of the Sovereign One abides with us, illuminating our journey, energizing our gathering, and warming our spirits.

**Many: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.**

One: Bless the Name of Names, the God of Truth, and the Giver of Life with songs of praise, prayers of hope, and moments of connection.

**Many: Prove us, and try us; Holy One, test our hearts and minds.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Majestic God, your realm encompasses the universe, the earth, and our community. All creation declares your glory. May we unite with our kin around the world in celebrating you and the connections we share. As we gather in your name, may we remember those**

we join in faith, hope, and worship on every continent representing every tradition. May we declare in spirit and in truth... one bread, one body... the church striving to become one as you, Sustainer, Redeemer, and Spirit are one. 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

Let My Love Open The Door

Peter Townsend



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Mark 10:1-16

MEDITATION

Surrounded By Love

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

LOVE LOVE LOVE

Christopher Grundy

**I will sing of your love love love of your steadfast love for as long as I live  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live  
I will sing of a love so wide that it welcomes the neighbor and will not divide  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**and I will sing let the children come do not hinder them for you love everyone  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live  
I will sing of the trees so tall of the oceans so deep and your love for them all  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**your love is stronger than the mountains soaks through me like the falling rain  
it's Knowing that I am answering your call whenever someone needs a neighbor  
and where ever there is a child in pain  
will be working on a just world for all**

**I will sing of your love love love of your steadfast love for as long as I live  
and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live  
for as long as I 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](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 October 5, 2024**

<b>Saturday</b>	10/5/24	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	10/6/24	10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Worship Deacons (G) AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	10/7/24	10:15 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) Barbara Walsh Graveside service AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/8/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10/9/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J) WITS at Pastor Christie's
<b>Thursday</b>	10/10/24	8:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back Fair Crafters (J) Fair Committee (G) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	10/11/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	10/12/24	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**

