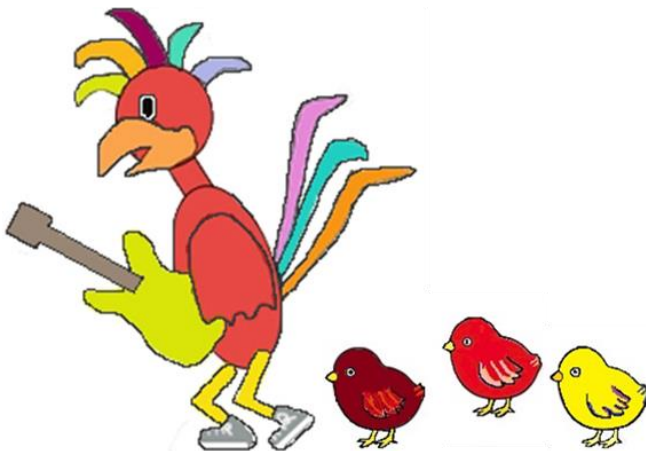


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 12, 2024

4:30 p.m.

Eye of the Needle

Looking at his disciples, Jesus said, "Do you have any idea how difficult it is for people who 'have it all' to enter God's kingdom?" The disciples couldn't believe what they were hearing, but Jesus kept on: "You can't imagine how difficult. I'd say it's easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for the rich to get into God's kingdom." - Mark 10:22-25

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

Blowin' In The Wind

Bob Dylan

**How many roads must a man walk down
Before you call him a man?
How many seas must a white dove sail
Before she sleeps in the sand?
Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs fly
Before they're forever banned?**

**The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind**

**Yes, and how many years can a mountain exist
Before it's washed to the sea?
Yes, and how many years can some people exist
Before they're allowed to be free?
Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head
And pretend that he just doesn't see?**

**The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind**

**Yes, and how many times must a man look up
Before he can see the sky?**

Yes, and how many ears must one man have
Before he can hear people cry?
Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til he knows
That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind
The answer is blowin' in the wind

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 90) from Worship Ways

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: The Holy One meets us in the stillness of our thoughts, in the joy of our laughter, in the spontaneity of our encounters, in the hope of our presence.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: The Creator sustains us with mercy, reassures us with compassion, and challenges us with grace.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: Let us worship our Maker in spirit and in truth, through pain and despair, with the fullness of our being.

OPENING PRAYER

Just God, we confess our attachment to things of this world, to our possessions, and to objects of status. We acknowledge the pride we take in doing good things that require little of us while turning away from the needed thing that challenges our wants and desires. Make us repairers of brokenness and restorers of lost. Help us to discern that life in full pursuit of your kingdom is rich, full, and freeing. Even as you test us, help us meet the moment with abounding love and abiding faith. 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

The Sharing Song

Jack Johnson



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Mark 10:17-31

MEDITATION

Eye of the Needle

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

We are One In The Spirit

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**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Refrain

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:**

refrain

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each other's dignity and save each other's pride.

refrain

WORDS OF SENDING



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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Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
Paula King, Music Director
Susan Moeller, Council Chair
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The week of October 12, 2024

Saturday	10/12/24	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/13/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	10/14/24	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Tuesday	10/15/24	9:15 am 10:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Finance (G & Z) AA (J)
Wednesday	10/16/24	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	10/10/24	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due Fair Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	10/11/24	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	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**

