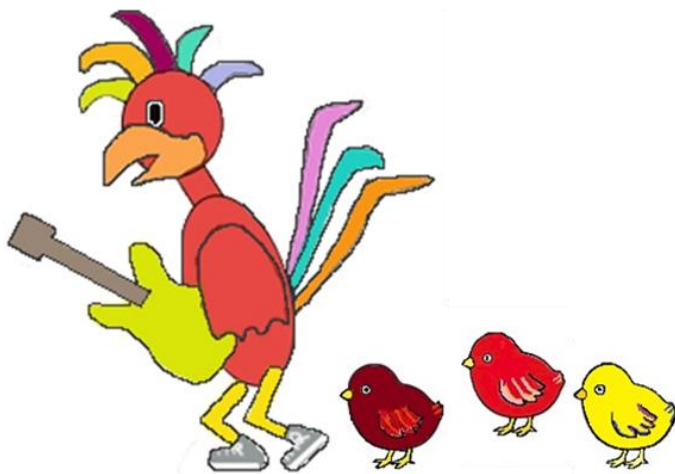


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 5

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

In the Wilderness

Fight for the powerless.

"Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness." Luke 4: 1

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 #257

This is the Day

**This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
this is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
this is the day, this the day Jesus rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.**

**This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it;
this is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.**

WELCOME

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit or you have been here for years. We are glad you are here with us today whether joining us online or in person. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, Pastor Reed is helping out with tech and teaching, and we have Steve Gregory as our 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 (Worship Ways, Rev. Michele Torigan)

One: We may be entering this season arid, dry from pain and injustices.

All: And yet, God is still hydrating our spirits.

One: We may be wandering, feeling as if we have no direction.

All: And yet, God is guiding us in the wilderness.

One: We may be fearful, wondering what comes next.

All: And yet, God is surrounding us with peace.

One: We may begin our Lenten journey spiritually arid, aimless, and anxious.

All: But the Spirit of Strength will never leave our side.

OPENING PRAYER

God of the Road, we journey together into the wilderness again. In this time filled with new spiritual practices and studies, our minds will be “tested.” Doubts will creep in as we seek your presence. At times, we will slide away from our responsibilities to care for our neighbors.

“Keep awake,” you call to us.

And so we ask ourselves:

Will hurtful words from others taunt us, and inhibit our growth with you?
Will negative images in our minds draw us away from our practices?
Will we snooze to the needs of this world and ignore the pain in our communities?

Deliver us from the temptations of this world and the tests that we impose upon ourselves. Amen.

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

Text to Give 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.)

INVITATION

When things become cross-shaped and the way pulls us forward beyond where we have been before,

When our nourishment is found in bread and wine for the journey and not a celebration at the end of anything.

When our souls recoil with the thought of what lies ahead and the story we have to hear once more and the crumbling away of heaven's promises:

Meet us here, O God, at the table of suffering and sacrifice

Of promise and future

And open our eyes to the shape of that future.

Meet us here where everything we believe

Becomes real and all on which we stake our faith becomes tangible

In bread, in wine, in being here today.

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

Because it matters

We all matter

Because bread and wine matter

All are welcome here

To taste and see the good things God is doing.

Welcome to the table of life.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We offer a covid-safe communion cup and wafer system of grape juice and cracker.)

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to those sitting around him, saying, *“take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”* In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: *“This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of bread and wine,
Jesus, resurrection’s promise,
Spirit, voice in the wilderness,
We meet you in the bread and the wine
To tell salvation’s story.**

**We listen, we wait and we lift up our thanksgiving for all you have done and will be doing for justice and life, for truth and forgiveness, for promise and salvation.
Amen.**

Enjoy this life.

The children and teachers may now go over to Jenkins Hall for Saturday School.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Beautiful Things

Gungor



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 4:1-13

MEDITATION *You Are One of the Beautiful Things in the Wilderness*

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #436 *I Am Weak, but Thou Art Strong*

**I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong.;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

Refrain

**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus is my plea,
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

**Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burdens shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

Refrain

**Then my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.**

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING

As we wander on this journey,

May God the Divine Light open our souls to healing and wisdom.

May Christ the Sojourner lead us into oases of renewal in arid and barren times.

May the Spirit of Hope fill us with courage to carry on.

As Jesus embraced the struggles of the wilderness, may we find strength to abide in our wilderness of the soul. Amen.



SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Rob Leveridge

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

Our "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.

Christie holds coffee hours by appointment at Nirvana Coffee shop in Barnstable Village or Snowy Owl in Sandwich. Call, text, or email her for an appointment: 508-494-6409; associatepastor@westparish.org



by recycling this bulletin.

Text to Give!

West Parish is now accepting donations via text! It's easy:

1. Text 866-586-0169 (the give-by-text number for West Parish) and in the body of the message enter the amount you wish to donate and send.
2. You will receive a registration link. Click on it and enter your contact and payment information, and then press "Process."
3. After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text and receipt via email.

You only need to register and set up your payment information once.

For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.

Add "West Parish Give by Text" as a contact on your phone to make it even easier!

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Week of March 5, 2022

Saturday	3/5/22	4:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	3/6/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	3/7/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
Tuesday	3/8/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom)
		4:00 pm	FS Board
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Wednesday	3/9/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	3/10/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	3/11/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	3/12/22	4:30 pm	Worship Service

BE THE CHURCH

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**

