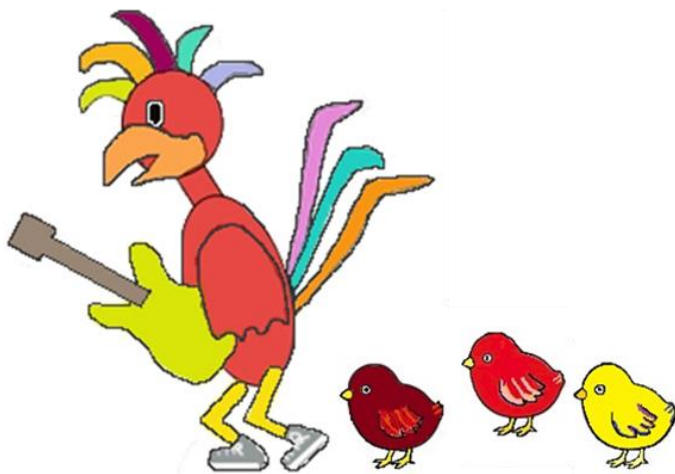


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

April 2

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

When He is Still Here

Fight for the powerless.

"Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She brought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'" John 12:7-8

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 #7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy, surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chant in bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

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

God has called us—we have responded

Some of us sing a joyful hallelujah,

Others of us give a quiet thanks to God.

Some of us seek God's ways in activities in our lives.

Others sense God's ways in contemplation and prayer.

Whatever our choice, wherever we go, God is always with us.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we come in worship wanting to be true disciples as we walk the Lenten road with Christ. We need your forgiving love, your power to try again. We ask you to take our tired limbs and rouse us to dance with joy again. 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

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

One: Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

One: This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

Loving God, you made this wonderful world for us to enjoy. You showed our ancestors how to care for one another. You gave us Jesus to be our friend and to bring us closer to you. He died on a cross, but you brought him to life, to live with us forever. You send us your Spirit and bring us to this table so that we can share your love. For all the goodness we give you thanks, and together we give you praise.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

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

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, 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

By sharing in this loaf and cup we proclaim Christ’s death, celebrate Christ’s resurrection, and await Christ’s coming again. Amen. Come, Christ Jesus, Come!

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Living on a Prayer

J.B. Jovi and R. Sambora



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 12:1-8

MEDITATION

When He Is Still Here

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #178 *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the true and blessed One;
to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayer we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

WORDS OF SENDING

May the blessing of God give us strength for the journey;
May the Spirit of wisdom give us vision for the road;
May the love of Christ make us caring companions;
As together we go forth in this Lenten time. Amen.



Love God.

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
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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!

We are excited to announce that West Parish accepts donations via text! It's easy:

1. Text 866-593-7761 (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 April 2, 2022

Saturday	4/2/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/3/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	4/4/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	4/5/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		12:00 pm	1717 MHF (Zoom)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
Wednesday	4/6/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (Zoom & G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	4/7/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/8/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 pm	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Saturday	4/9/22	4:30 pm	Worship Service

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