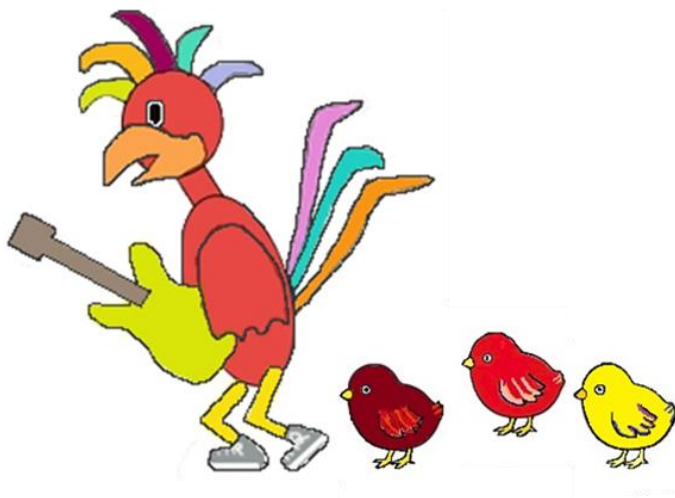


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 7

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

God's Cool Café

Fight for the powerless.

*"He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul." Psalm 23:2*

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 #403 *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart;

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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

One: Come, let us worship God, who is deserving of

Many: praise, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor and power.

Come let us worship our God.

OPENING PRAYER

God, our shepherd—Restorer of our souls—

The one who calls us to nap in green pastures—

We enter into this moment of worshipful gathering

trusting that you will guide us along the paths of righteousness.

Wherever we may be in this world, let us know the comforting presence of your rod and staff. We are expectant, O God, that our fears will fade,

that our cups will overflow, and that your goodness and mercy will accompany us in this hour and beyond. Now, let us worship you in spirit and in truth.
Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, we reflect on those time when we have not acknowledged your presence with us: in nature, in city streets, in daily living, in challenging times, in wonderful times, in all the in-between-times, in times of need, when we felt hounded by enemies, when we are cared for by “shepherds” in the faces of the many people we encounter each day.

Forgive us, God. Inspire us worship and celebrate your presence in every moment.
Amen.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Whether we are lost or confused, wandering or waiting, God’s steadfast love endures forever. 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: Because there is one bread, we who are many make one body,

All: for we all partake of the one bread.

One: In Christ, God breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves, and divide us from one another.

All: We are the body of Christ.

One: At this table, we bear witness to our faith.

All: At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness, and healing to our world.

All: Let us break bread together.

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

Come now to the feast of life that takes all our past and redeems it with life. Come to the table for the host is waiting with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Amen.

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

**Jesus—companion and Savior—unfolder of alleluias,
Here is our thanksgiving gathering with all those who have ever gathered around this table meeting your promise in this story that pulls death from the world and redeems it with life. May this bread break open your wondrous story. As we share it, we give thanks for what has been done for us. May this juice spill your promise into this world. As we share it we give thanks for what you have done for us. In our living may we live as the Body of Christ within the new covenant sealed for all for the forgiveness of sins. Amen.**

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Psalm 23

B. McFerrin



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Psalm 23

POEM

Psalm 23, Blessed Relief

James Taylor

MEDITATION

God's Cool Café

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #437

It's Me, It's Me O Lord

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

**Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.**

**Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.**

Refrain

**Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.**

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me O Lord,
standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING

Let us go forth knowing that we are led by God, that we are sheltered by God, that God never leaves nor forsakes us even in the bleakest valley. In God, may we hunger and thirst no more, and may a peace that surpasses all understanding abide with us, now and forever more. 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
Let us hope
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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 866-586-0169 (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 May 7, 2022

Saturday	5/7/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/8/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	5/9/22	11:00 am 5:00 pm	Barendse Committal AA (J)
Tuesday	5/10/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M) Study Group (G)
Wednesday	5/11/22	8:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast (Jack's Out Back) FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	5/12/22	9:15 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Crafters (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	5/13/22	9:00 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 pm 5:00 pm	Stewardship (G) FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	5/14/22	4:30 pm	Worship

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Forgive often.

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Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

