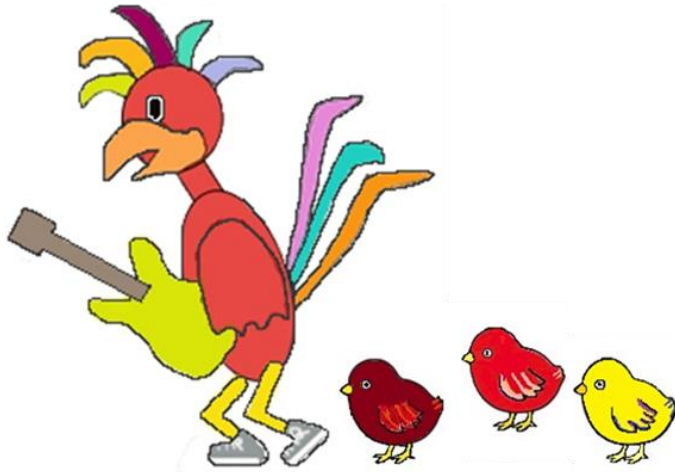


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

May 14

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Imagine

Fight for the powerless.

"And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

Acts 11:16-17

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

For Everyone Born

See insert

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: Imagine...

Many: a place where all are welcome and everyone hears the sound of their name.

One: Imagine...

Many: everyone having enough food and water and a home free of hatred and fear.

One: Imagine...

Many: Imagine...just imagine...this is that place.

All: Together we join our voices, with one joy, one faith, one love we worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for the gift of creation and the surprise of re-creation.

Open our eyes to see new things. Open our minds to think fresh thoughts. Open our communities to welcome new partners. Open our spirits to follow your Spirit.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God came to live among us—

Broke every barrier of sense, wisdom and experience to forge a new people,

To build a new community without borders or boundaries.

Into our quiet complacency or our noisy divisions God suggests another way,

Breaking down our barriers, crashing through our comfort zones to the heart of

what it is to live in God's way. So, we pause, and ponder the inclusion we feel, the

exclusion we create, the easy friendships, the like-minded gatherings, the many

left outside. Forgive us then the narrow-mindedness that excludes. Forgive us the

tendency to disapprove and judge, and open hearts and arms to the life you

promised. Open our doors to make room for those you would welcome.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Though we wander from the path, though we step out of the light, though we deny the fullness of life—despite all this, Christ comes bearing light, life, truth and new life for all of us. 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—unfold 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

Imagine

John Lennon



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Acts 11:1-18

MEDITATION

Imagine

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #374 *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*

**Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other go the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shadow of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

**Won't you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

WORDS OF SENDING

Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." So, go out in love, and find ways to love all whom you meet. And in so doing, may others know that you are Christ's disciples. 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
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!

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 14, 2022

Saturday	5/14/22	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Visioning Dinner
Sunday	5/15/22	10:00 am 11:00 am	Worship Visioning Luncheon
Monday	5/16/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	5/17/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 11:45 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M) Study Group (G) Finance (J)
Wednesday	5/18/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	5/19/22	9:15 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due FS Science (J) Crafters (J) Bridge Group (G) AA (J) AA (J)
Friday	5/20/22	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	5/21/22	4:30 pm	Worship & Blessing of the Animals

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**

