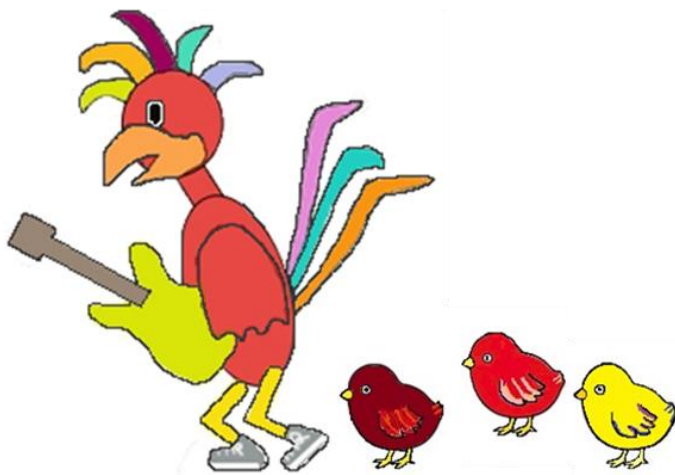


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

May 28

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Lydia and her Purple Cloth

Fight for the powerless.

“One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message.”

Acts 16:14

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

Here I Am, Lord

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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 John Williams 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 all who are weary

of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division

All: Come all who are heavy-laden

with too much, with too little, with anxiety, with fear, with anger

One: Come all who have hope

for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom

All: Hear these words

“See, I am making all things new.”

OPENING PRAYER **TO MAKE A PROMISE** By David Whyte

Make a place of prayer, no fuss,
just lean into the white brilliance
and say what you needed to say
all along, nothing too much, words
as simple and as yours and as heard
as the bird song above your head
or the river running gently beside you,
let your words join to the world
the way stone nestles on stone
the way the water simply leaves
and goes to the sea,
the way your promise
breathes and belongs
with every other promise
the world has ever made.

Now, leave them to go on,
let your words alone
to carry their own life,
without you, let the promise
go with the river.
Have faith. Walk away.
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.



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 & teachers may now go to Jenkins Hall for Saturday School.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith to the triune God. Do you affirm your faith in God as your creator, in Jesus Christ as your Lord and light, and the Holy Spirit as your strength and guide?

All of congregation: I do!

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

OWNING THE COVENANT

Pastor: Hear now the covenant as it is affirmed and practiced in West Parish of Barnstable. (The congregation reads from the inside of the red hymnal)

Do you so promise, covenant and agree?

Response: I do.

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

Pastor: Let us, the members of West Parish of Barnstable, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

All: We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our love and friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in Christ's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Lord.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SIGNING OF THE COVENANT

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

With My Own Two Hands

Ben Harper



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Acts 16:9-15

MEDITATION

Lydia's Church

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art

And when I think that God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the Cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Then sings my soul my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art how great Thou art
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WORDS OF SENDING

May the river of God's grace refresh us each day, and the light of Christ shine among the shadows and the Holy Spirit be found within friend and stranger. 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 28, 2022

Saturday	5/28/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/29/22	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	5/30/22		Office Closed
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Tuesday	5/31/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		11:45 am	Music Lessons (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		6:15 pm	Handbells (M)
		6:30 pm	Study Group (G)
		7:00 pm	Finance (J)
Wednesday	6/1/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		12:00 pm	Bible Study (G & Z)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	6/2/22	9:15 am	FS Science (J)
		10:00 am	Crafters (J)
		1:00 pm	Bridge Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	6/3/22	9:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 am	FS Science (J)
		10:30 pm	Knitting Group (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
		7:00 pm	Barnstable Land Trust (M)
Saturday	6/4/22	4:30 pm	Worship

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**

