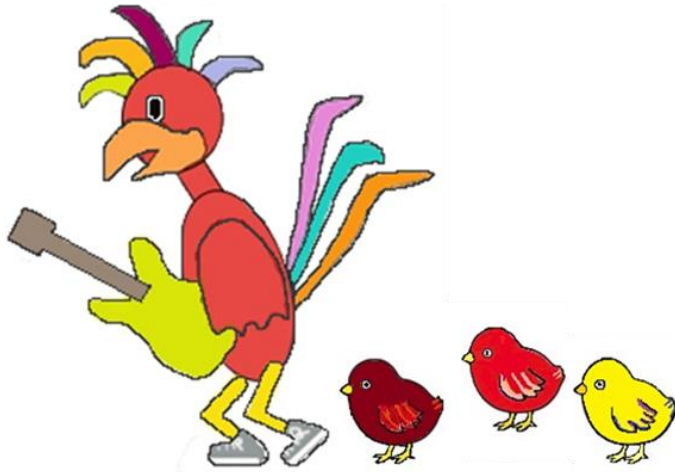


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 19, 2022

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

She Persuaded Us

“After she was baptized, along with everyone in her household, she said in a surge of hospitality, ‘If you’re confident that I’m in this with you and believe in the Master truly, come home with me and be my guests.’

We hesitated, but she wouldn’t take no for an answer.” Acts 16:15

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

Get Together

Chet Powers

Love is but a song we sing
Fear's the way we die
You can make the mountains ring
Or make the angels cry
Though the bird is on the wing
And you may not know why

(Chorus)

Come on, people now
Smile on your brother
Everybody get together
Try to love one another right now

Some may come and some may go
He will surely pass
When the one that left us here
Returns for us at last

We are but a moment's sunlight
Fading in the grass

(Chorus)

If you hear the song I sing
You will understand (listen)
You hold the key to love and fear
All in your trembling hand
Just one key unlocks them both
It's there at your command

(Chorus)

WELCOME

Pastor Christie

*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. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, here's our special
guest preacher and my good friend, the Rev. Angela Menke Ballou, Pastor Reed and
here's Kim Moberg and the band 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: Gracious God, we pray for your blessing on this church in this place.

All: Here may the faithful find salvation, and the careless be awakened,

One: Here may the doubting find courage,

All: and the anxious be calmed,

One: Here may the tempted find help,

All: and the sorrowful be comforted.

One: Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

All: Here may the aged find consolation, and the young be inspired in Jesus Christ, Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

A Blessing For Becoming Real, by Kate Bowler

Blessed are we who are becoming, who have lived so long in this strange state we call time that it shows. We are changing, and that's how we know we are alive.

Blessed are you who see the evidence of your own becoming, the places where you are worn from so much loving. The laugh lines from jokes that make your belly ache. Crow's feet from squinting at the stars. Stretch marks from growing babies, building muscle, enjoying delicious meals. And yes, the places that hurt. That are visibly still wounded and sore, that change how you live and move.

Blessed are you, seeing all this evidence of loss, yes, but also of life, because what is real is now showing through. Blessed are you who do not despise your realness. It may hurt. You may not recognize yourself in the mirror. But this is what we hoped for, right? To live and love. To be loved. To have our experiences show on our faces and our cells. It is the real life of Jesus in us, being made visible, as all our seams show.

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.)

We shall be receiving communion by the ancient practice of intinction.

Come forward, take a piece of the bread, dip it in the cup,
and consume it on the way back to your seat.

INVITATION

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We offer a Covid-safe communion cup and wafer system of grape juice and cracker and Communion by intinction.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, you are the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end and all that comes in between. We give thanks for the simple things of life: bread and juice and remembrance. Thank you for remembering us even now, even today. Amen.

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

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Blackbird

Paul McCartney



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Acts 16: 11-16

MEDITATION

She Persuaded Us

Rev. Angela Menke Ballou

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #494 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
I sing a song of the saints of God patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:

they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

WORDS OF SENDING

May God bless you with discomfort,
At easy answers, half-truths,
And superficial relationships
So that you may live
Deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
At injustice, oppression,
And exploitation of people,
So that you may work for
Justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,
To shed for those who suffer pain,
Rejection, hunger and war,
So that you may reach out your hand
To comfort them and
To turn their pain to joy

And may God bless you
With enough foolishness

To believe that you can
Make a difference in the world,
So that you can do
What others claim cannot be done
To bring justice and kindness
To all our children and the poor.

Amen.

[- A Franciscan Blessing](#)



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

We thank the Rev. Angela Menke Ballou for preaching today to honor the 10th anniversary of Pastor Christie Burns' ordination and installation at West Parish of Barnstable, UCC.

Our "Saturday School" is underway, a special class for our youth, 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 11:30 am to 1:30 pm at Bread & Roses in Hyannis on Mondays. 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 866-593-7761 (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!

Week of November 19, 2022

Saturday	11/19/22	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/20/22	10:00 am 11:15 am	Worship Church Council (G)
Monday	11/21/22	7 am- 2 pm 5:00pm	Pre-K Thanksgiving Lunch (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	11/22/22	12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	11/23/22	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Thursday	11/24/22	5:00 pm	Happy Thanksgiving – Office Closed AA (J)
Friday	9/30/22	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Office Closed Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	9/24/22	4:30 pm	Worship Service

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Christmas Poinsettias

Sponsor our Christmas Poinsettias!

The plants are on order to grace the Meetinghouse during the Christmas season.

Use this form and drop it off or mail it with \$ 12.00 (cash or check) by Dec. 11th
to Susan in the church office or P.O. Box 219, W. Barnstable, MA 02668

Donor _____

Dedication to read: In memory / honor / celebration of

(please print)

The plants will be available to take after the Worship service on Sunday, January 1, 2023.

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**

