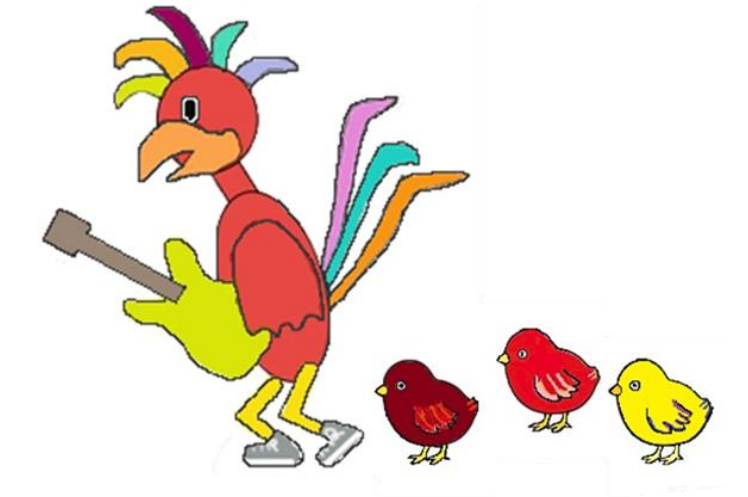


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 28, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

You Are Blessed

“You’re blessed when you’re at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule. You’re blessed when you feel you’ve lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.” – Matthew 5:3-4 (The Message)

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 #4222 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and tribulations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you, you will find a solace there.

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 Pastor Reed and here's Steve and Bob 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 (inspired by Psalm 15)

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who love kindness. Those who love neighbor, friend, and foe.

One: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary? Who may dwell in your sacred creation?

Many: Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, we thank You for teaching us that we are blessings. That when everything seems to fall apart, You O God, are there to catch us, to hold us, and to help restore our souls. When we are weary, gather us up. When we mourn, hold our hearts. We know that wherever we go, even to the depths of the oceans or the height of the mountains, You are there with us. We are blessed and we thank You. 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



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

You've Got A Friend In Me

Randy Newman



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 5:1-12

MEDITATION

You're Blessed: Even When the Going Gets Rough

Rev. Christine E. Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

You've Got A Friend

Carole King

When you're down and troubled,
And you need some love and care,
And nothing, nothing is going right
Close your eyes and think of me,
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest night.

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
You've got a friend

If the sky above you grows dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind begins to blow
Keep your head together and call my name out loud
Soon you'll hear me knocking at your door

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, running, yeah, yeah, to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
And I'll be there, yes I will.

Now, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend
When people can be so cold?
They'll hurt you, yes, and desert you

And take your soul if you let them,
Oh, but don't you let them

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, running, yeah, yeah, yeah, to see you again.
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you have to do is call
And I'll be there, yes I will.
You've got a friend

You've got a friend
Ain't it good to know, you've got a friend?
Ain't it good to know?
Ain't it good to know?
Ain't it good to know, you've got a friend?

Oh yeah, now
Oh, you've got a friend
Yeah, baby
You've got a friend
Oh yeah...
You've got a friend

WORDS OF SENDING

Recognize the greatness within and around you. Follow Jesus out into the world to spread the radiance of Christ, to proclaim the good news, and to be instruments of healing and wholeness, Amen.



Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go in peace
Go in kindness
Go in love
Go in faith

Go In Peace

Rob Leveridge

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 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!

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Week of January 28, 2023

Saturday	1/28/23	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	1/29/23	10:00 am	Worship
Monday	1/30/23	4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Church Council (G & Z) AA (J)
Tuesday	1/31/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Choir Rehearsal (M) Music Lessons (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	2/1/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	2/2/23	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	2/3/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	2/4/23	9:00 am 4:30 pm	Draper Birthday (J) Worship Service

Key: FS = Family School; G = Guild Room; J = Jenkins Hall; M = Meetinghouse; Z = Zoom

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God is still speaking,
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