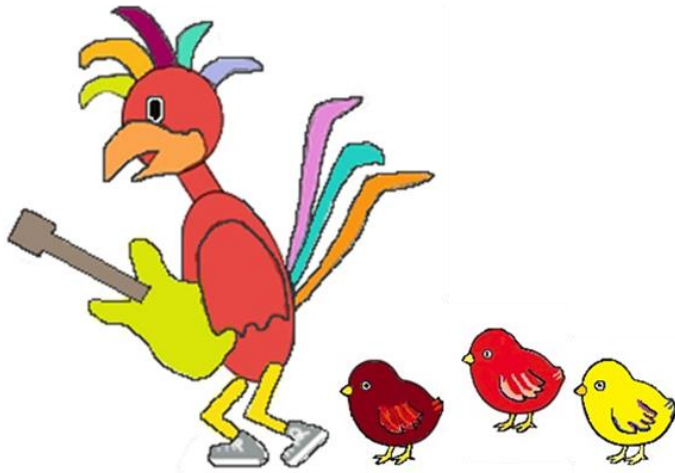


***It's Saturday***



# ***Let's Do Church!***

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 11, 2023

4:30 p.m.

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Fight for the powerless.**

Thank You For Being a Friend!

*“This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you.  
This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends.”*

John 15:11

## 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 #439

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

### *Refrain*

Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
I asked my Lord if all were mine.

### *Refrain*

O Jordan river is chilly and cold,  
it chills the body, not the soul.  
There's only one train upon this track;  
it runs to heaven, then right back.

### *Refrain*

O I have heartache and I have woe,  
and I have trouble here below.

But while God leads me, I'll never fear,  
for I am sheltered by God's care.

### *Refrain*

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

Jesus said: Love one another.

**We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.**

Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants: now I call you my friends.

**We come to worship God, whose friends we are in Christ.**

Let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship; through Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

God, we give thanks today for the friendships we have experienced throughout our lives. God, you teach us that this life isn't meant to be lived alone, so we express gratitude for the people who have walked beside us, encouraging us on this pilgrim journey. For we cannot do it all alone but are better together. Help deepen our awareness of the beauty of friendship and teach us how to be better at loving our friends. You are our first and last friend and all along life's journey we are blessed to call others friends. Let us learn to be the light of Christ for one another. No one, no one, should have to make it out here on their own. For the gift of friendship, we give thanks. 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

Thank You For Being a Friend

Andrew Gold

# Reject racism.

SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 15:11-17

A Friendship Blessing

John O'Donohue

MEDITATION

*Thank You For Being a Friend*

Rev. Christine E. Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

With A Little Help From My Friends

Beatles

What would you think if I sang out of tune  
Would you stand up and walk out on me?  
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song  
And I'll try not to sing out of key  
Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends

What do I do when my love is away?  
(Does it worry you to be alone?)  
How do I feel by the end of the day?  
(Are you sad because you're on your own?)  
No I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends

(Do you need anybody?)  
I need somebody to love  
(Could it be anybody?)

I want somebody to love

(Would you believe in a love at first sight?)

Yes I'm certain that it happens all the time

(What do you see when you turn out the light?)

I can't tell you, but I know it's mine

Oh I get by with a little help from my friends

Mm I get high with a little help from my friends

Oh I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

(Do you need anybody?)

I just need someone to love

(Could it be anybody?)

I want somebody to love

Oh I get by with a little help from my friends

Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends

Oh I get high with a little help from my friends

Yes I get by with a little help from my friends

With a little help from my friends

#### WORDS OF SENDING

Lord, make us instruments of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is discord, union;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair; hope;

Where there is darkness, light,

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled,

As to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love,  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Go forth from here as the peace the world needs and the friend that we all depend on. Amen.



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 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](mailto: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 February 11, 2023**

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|------------------|---------|--|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 2/11/23 | 4:30 pm                                    | Worship   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 2/12/23 | 10:00 am<br>11:30 am<br>12:30 pm           | Worship<br>Deacons (G)<br>Shaw Party (J)                          |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 2/13/23 | 11:30 am<br>5:00 pm                        | Christie's Coffee Hours at Bread + Roses<br>AA (J)                |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 2/14/23 | 9:30 am<br>10:30 am<br>12:00 pm<br>5:00 pm | FS Science (J)<br>FS Science (J)<br>Music Lessons (M)<br>AA (J)   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 2/15/23 | 9:30 am<br>10:30 am<br>12:00 pm<br>5:00 pm | FS Science (J)<br>FS Science (J)<br>Bible Study (G & Z)<br>AA (J) |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 2/16/23 | 5:00 pm                                    | AA (J)  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 2/17/23 | 9:30 am<br>10:30 am<br>10:30 am<br>5:00 pm | FS Science (J)<br>FS Science (J)<br>Knitting Group (G)<br>AA (J)  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 2/18/23 | 4:30 pm                                    | Worship Service   |

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

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*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**

