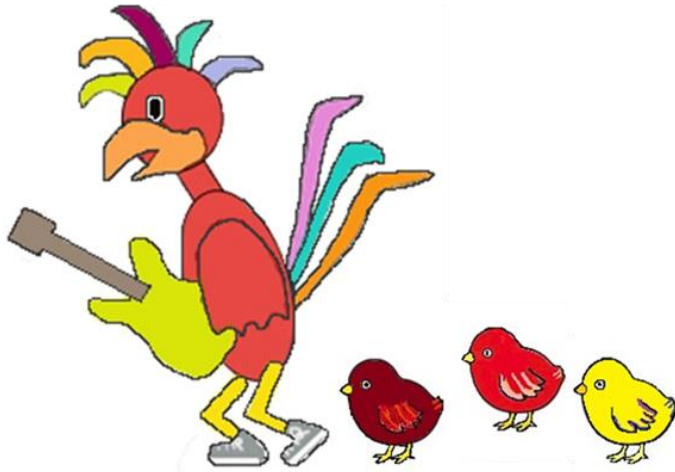


**It's Saturday**



# **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.**

Mountains and Light

<sup>5</sup>While he was going on like this, babbling, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and sounding from deep in the cloud a voice: "This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of my delight. Listen to him." Matthew 17: 5

## 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

Climb Every Mountain

Richard Rogers

Climb every mountain, Search high and low  
Follow every highway, Every path you know

Climb every mountain, Ford every stream  
Follow every rainbow, 'Till you find your dream

A dream that will need, All the love you can give  
Every day of your life, For as long as you live

Climb every mountain, Search high and low  
Follow every highway, Every path you know

Climb every mountain, Ford every stream  
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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 John Williams and Eddie Nickerson, 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

Let us see a wonder a vision never seen.

**Do we dare to journey? Yes, for God is there.**

Let us start a journey close to God's hill.

Let us tell the world what God will now fulfill.

**Do we dare to journey? Yes, for God is there.**

Let us start the journey to worship in this place.

Let us seek our God and meet God face to face.

**Do we dare to journey? Yes, for God is there.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

We may not be able to climb a hill for you, O God, but we gather to worship you in this place. We may never see you transfigured in glory in our presence, but we witness to your transforming power in our living. We may not have the words to explain all that you are. Enable us to meet you in your glory around us, that we may worship you in truth and love. 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 8.*

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

You Raise Me Up

Josh Groban



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 17:1-9

MEDITATION

*Come Up and Down*

Rev. Christine E. Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing;  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it:  
You spread His love to ev'ryone, you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding.  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.  
That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it.  
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found.  
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;  
I'll shout it from the mountaintop, I want my world to know:  
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

## WORDS OF SENDING

May the shining radiance of God warm you.  
May the dazzling splendor of God surprise you.  
And the glory of God transform you.  
May you come up to the mountaintop.  
May you remember the experience with wonder and awe.  
And may you come down renewed and empowered  
For the glory of God and the hope of the world.



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 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)



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### 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 18, 2023

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|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|---|
| Saturday  | 2/18/23 | 4:30 pm                       | Worship                                     |
| Sunday    | 2/19/23 | 10:00 am                      | Worship                                     |
| Monday    | 2/20/23 | 5:00 pm                       | <b>Office Closed</b><br>AA (J)              |
| Tuesday   | 2/21/23 | 3:00 pm<br>4:30 pm<br>5:00 pm | Foundation (G)<br>Finance (M & Z)<br>AA (J) |
| Wednesday | 2/22/23 | 12:00 pm<br>5:00 pm           | Bible Study (G & Z)<br>AA (J)               |
| Thursday  | 2/23/23 | 5:00 pm                       | AA (J)                                      |
| Friday    | 2/24/23 | 10:30 am<br>5:00 pm           | Knitting Group (G)<br>AA (J)                |
| Saturday  | 2/25/23 | 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**

