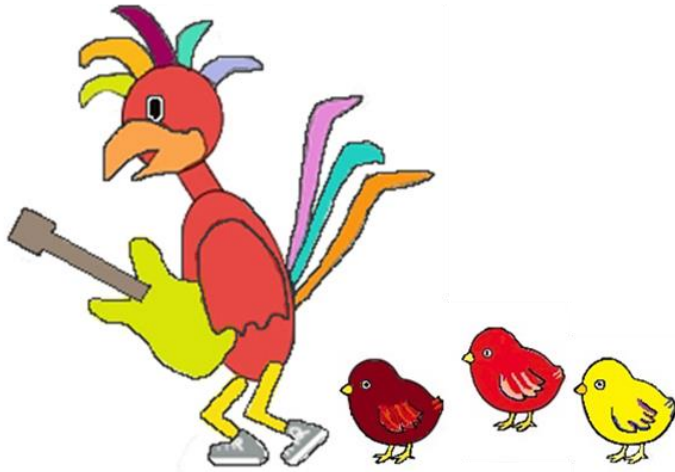


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

March 11, 2023

4:30 p.m.

BE THE CHURCH

Fight for the powerless.

Thirsting for New Life

“Jesus said, ‘Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life.’”

John 4:13-14

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

Down to the River to Pray

**As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the robe and crown
Good Lord, show me the way!**

**O brothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on brothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray**

**As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!**

**O mothers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down**

**Come on mothers let's go down
Down in the river to pray**

**As I went down in the river to pray
Studying about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown
Good Lord, show me the way!**

**O fathers let's go down
Let's go down, come on down
Come on fathers let's go down
Down in the river to pray**

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

One: Come into the wildness of possibility where strangers meet, and everything changes in one conversation. Come away from all that you thought you knew and find your voice.

Many: We have so much to say, so much has gone unsaid.

One: Come into the wildness and find others that are eager and ready to speak with you and your truth.

All: We come to tell the truth.

OPENING PRAYER

In the driest desert, O God, you provided a rock that held a fountain for those who thirst. Come, gracious God, and fill us with your love. In a place of quarrelling, you provide an answer that holds life for those who met there. Come, gracious God, and fill us with your love. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our prayers often falter when we think we need to get it all right with every word in its proper place, every sentiment correctly stated.

Yet we know life is not like that.

Our feelings scatter,

Our motivations are mixed.

Save us from politeness of faith that often shrinks back from the messy soul of what it means to be human.

From these messy spaces, we find life-giving desires longing to be felt and given voice.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

God's voice carries over the waters of creation, reaching out to you and assuring you that you are loved into life's fullness over and over again. You will drink of the living waters and never be thirsty again.

Thanks be to God!

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

I'll Be Your Water

Keb Mo



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 4:5-42

MEDITATION

Thirsting for New Life

Rev. Christine E. Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG #227

Joys are Flowing Like a River

**Joys are flowing like a river, since the Comforter has come;
Christ abides with us forever, makes the trusting heart a home.**

Refrain

**Blessed quietness, holy quietness, what assurance in my soul.
On the stormy sea Jesus speaks to me, and the billows cease to roll.**

**Bringing life and health and gladness all around, this heavenly guest
banished unbelief and sadness, changed our weariness to rest.**

Refrain

**Like the rain that falls from heaven, like the sunlight from the sky,
so the Spirit too is given, coming to us from on high.**

Refrain

**See, a fruitful field is growing, blessed fruit of righteousness,
and the streams of life are flowing in the lonely wilderness.**

Refrain

**What a wonderful salvation, when we always see Christ's face;
what a perfect habitation, what a quiet resting place!**

Refrain

WORDS OF SENDING

God knows your story and is listening for your voice.
Go out into the world in peace, to share the living water that God gives to us
freely, and in so doing, to restore others to hope and life.
May God bless you and keep you this day and forevermore. 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
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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!

Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher

Donna Murphy, Music Director

Kristen Lind, Family School Director

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Week of March 11, 2023

Saturday	3/11/23	4:30 pm		Worship
Sunday	3/12/23	10:00 am		Worship
Monday	3/13/23	11:30 am 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours @ Bread + Roses	AA (J)
Tuesday	3/14/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:15 pm		FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Music Lessons (M) AA (J) Handbells (M)
Wednesday	3/15/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 3:00 pm 5:00 pm		FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Bible Study (Reed's Office & Z) FS Staff AA (J)
Thursday	3/16/23	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due Men's Breakfast @ Jack's Out Back	AA (J)
Friday	3/17/23	9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm		FS Science (J) FS Science (J) Knitting Group (Reed's Office) AA (J)
Saturday	3/18/23	4:30 pm		Worship Service

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

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God is still speaking,
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