

**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

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

January 18, 2025

4:30 p.m.

## **Extravagant Love**

*“Everyone serves the good wine first and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.”*

John 2:1-11

**BE THE CHURCH**

**Fight for the powerless.**

## 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

LOVE LOVE LOVE

Christopher Grundy

**I will sing of your love love love of your steadfast love for as long as I live**

**and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**I will sing of a love so wide that it welcomes the neighbor and will not divide**

**and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**and I will sing let the children come do not hinder them for you love everyone**

**and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**I will sing of the trees so tall of the oceans so deep and your love for them all**

**and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**your love is stronger than the mountains soaks through me like the falling rain**

**it's Knowing that I am answering your call whenever someone needs a neighbor**

**and where ever there is a child in pain**

**will be working on a just world for all**

**I will sing of your love love love of your steadfast love for as long as I live**

**and I will sing of your love love love for as long as I live**

**for as long as I live**

WELCOME

Pastor Christie

One: Welcome home, whether this is your first visit, or you have been here for years. Here at West Parish, no matter who you are, and no matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are glad you are here with us today whether you are joining us online or in person. Hello, I'm Pastor Christie, and here is Pastor Reed, and we have Steve Gregory, our director of music, with 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

Jesus surprised the people at the wedding.

**They were sure they would be disappointed.**

They thought that their host wasn't prepared for their needs.

**We aren't much different. We aren't sure God is prepared for our needs.**

Lord, change our whining in to praising!

**Change our moaning and complaining into celebrations of joy! AMEN.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, open our hearts to the surprising ways in which you offer to us your love and your presence. Help us to truly believe in the wondrous ways that you work in our lives. Give us hearts and spirits for service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray. 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

*We now accept Venmo, the QR code and 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.

We offer a communion cup and wafer system of cranberry juice and cracker.

INVITATION

Jesus Christ said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.**

This table is for all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

**O God of mystery, we confess that more than deep questions, we love easy answers; explaining away miracles, disarming the Good News, we domesticate your wild ways. Teach us to love our questions, O God. Teach us to struggle with faith. Teach us to live with your holy mysteries. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

#### PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, in every aspect human as we are. He grew up in a small town in Galilee, far from the religious and civil power. He spoke with a distinct accent. He learned of the breath of your grace from a Gentile mother. Beside Jacob's well, he was moved by an encounter with a minority woman and disclosed his messianic identity. Therefore, with these and our other ancestors in faith, both named and unnamed, through the ages and all over the world we praise you.

#### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

On the last night he spent with his friends, Jesus took an age-old tradition of his people and transformed it into something new. He took bread, staple food of his land, blessed and broke it saying, **"Take, eat, this is my body broken for you. Whenever you do this, remember me."**

After supper he took a cup of wine, common drink for his people, and gave it to them, saying, **"Drink this, all of you, this is the new covenant in my blood. Each time you do this, remember me."**

By remembering Jesus in this way now, we claim our common heritage.

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all are invited to partake of the table of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED**



SPECIAL SONG

We Are Family

The Pointer Sisters



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 2:1--11

MEDITATION

Extravagant Love

Rev. Christie Burns

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**



CLOSING SONG

Listen to the Music

Tom Johnston

**Don't you feel it growin', day by day  
People gettin' ready for the news  
Some are happy, some are sad  
Oh, we got to let the music play  
What the people need  
Is a way to make 'em smile  
It ain't so hard to do if you know how  
Gotta get a message  
Get it on through**

Oh, now mama's go'n' to after 'while  
Oh, oh, listen to the music  
Oh, oh, listen to the music  
Oh, oh, listen to the music  
All the time

Well I know, you know better  
Everything I say  
Meet me in the country for a day  
We'll be happy  
And we'll dance  
Oh, we're gonna dance our blues away  
And if I'm feelin' good to you  
And you're feelin' good to me  
There ain't nothin' we can't do or say  
Feelin' good, feeling fine  
Oh, baby, let the music play

Oh, oh, listen to the music  
Oh, oh, listen to the music  
Oh, oh, listen to the music  
All the time

Like a lazy flowing river  
Surrounding castles in the sky  
And the crowd is growing bigger  
List'nin' for the happy sounds  
And I got to let them fly

Oh, oh, listen to the music  
Oh, oh, listen to the music  
Oh, oh, listen to the music  
All the time

WORDS OF SENDING

# Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Sam Baker

**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

“Saturday School” is underway, a special class for our youngsters, 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.

**Would you like to play in the Saturday Band? Contact Steve G.**



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**The Week January 18, 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	1/18/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	1/19/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Outreach (G) Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	1/20/25	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	1/21/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm 6:15 pm	FS Science (G) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) AA (J) Bell Choir (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	1/22/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	1/23/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	1/24/25	10:30 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	1/25/25	4:30 pm	Worship

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

# 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**

