

It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 8, 2025

4:30 p.m.

There is Nothing to Fear

Jesus said to Simon, "There is nothing to fear.

From now on you'll be fishing for men and women."

They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed him.

Luke 5:10-11

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

Wade in The Water

(traditional)

Refrain

**Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's a-going to trouble the water.**

**See that host all dressed in white,
O God's a-going to trouble the water;
the leader looks like the Israelite,
God's a-going to trouble the water.**

Refrain

**See that band all dressed in red,
O God's a-going to trouble the water;
looks like the band that Moses led,
God's a-going to trouble the water.**

Refrain

**Look over yonder, what do I see?
O God's a-going to trouble the water;
the Holy Ghost a-coming on me,
God's a-going to trouble the water.**

Refrain

If you don't believe I've been redeemed,
O God's a-going to trouble the water;
just follow me down to Jordan's stream,
God's a-going to trouble the water.

Refrain

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 as 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

Iona Community

O God, who called all life into being,

The earth, sea, and sky are yours.

Your presence is all around us,

Every atom is full of your energy.

Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,

With her we yearn for justice to be done,

For creation to be freed from bondage,

For the hungry to be fed,

For captives to be released,

For your kingdom of peace to come on earth.

OPENING PRAYER

We feel your welcome, gracious God, in this time of worship. You welcome young and old, all seeking peace, and all brimming over with energy. You welcome newcomers and long-time members; all seeking a familiar expression of praise and prayer, and all seeking a startling new celebration of faith. You welcome us all, welcoming God. 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

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
Stay with us for the day is ending,
With friend, with stranger,
With young and with old,
Be among us tonight,
Come close to us that we may forgive one another.
Renew us so that, where we have failed,
We may begin again. Amen.

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.**

THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER

Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body which is given for you." In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed

with my blood. Take it and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming kingdom of God.”

So now, following Jesus’ example, we take this bread and this wine; the ordinary things of the world through which God will bless us. And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, let us also celebrate God’s Goodness.

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

You Say

Lauren Daigle



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 5:1-11

MEDITATION

“Nothing to Fear”

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

We Shall Not Be Moved

Pete Seeger

Chorus

We shall not, we shall not be moved.

We shall not, we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

We are young and old together, we shall not be moved.

We are young and old together, we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

Chorus

We're women and men together, we shall not be moved.

We're women and men together, we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

Chorus

We're city and country together, we shall not be moved.

We're city and country together, we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

Chorus

We're black and white together, we shall not be moved.

We're black and white together, we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

Chorus

We're straight and gay together, we shall not be moved.

We're straight and gay together, we shall not be moved.

Just like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved.

Chorus

WORDS OF SENDING



Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go In Peace

Sam Baker

Go in peace

Go in kindness

Go in love

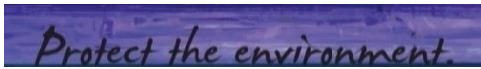
Go in faith
Leave the day
The day behind us
Day is done
Go in grace
Let us go
Into the dark
Not afraid
Not alone
Let us hope
By some good pleasure
Safely to
Arrive at home
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WE ARE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!

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

“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 February 8, 2025

Saturday	2/8/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/9/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	2/10/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm Trustees (G)
Tuesday	2/11/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (G) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir (M) AA (J) W. Barnstable Festival Committee (G) WITS @ Pastor Christie's
Wednesday	2/12/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	2/13/25	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast @ Jack's Out Back AA (J)
Friday	2/14/25	10:30 am 3:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation B & G (G) Heartwarming Dinner Prep (J) AA (M)
Saturday	2/15/25	4:30 pm 6:00 pm	Worship Heartwarming Dinner (J)

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**

