

It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 1, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Through a Glass Darkly

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.” Exodus 34:29

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

I Saw The Light

Hank Williams

**I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear saviour in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I was a fool to wander and a-stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way**

**Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

**I saw the light I saw the light
No more darkness no more night
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light.**

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

The call of the Holy One has brought us together.

We have been called to pray and to praise.

We are called to worship and to holy wonder.

May the light of Love burn brightly in us.

May it transfigure and transform our hearts and minds.

May it become a beacon of hope for others.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God of mountaintops and valleys and everywhere in between, we thank you for meeting us where we are. We thank you also for leading us to this place of prayer and renewal.

Enlighten our minds, radiate our hearts, and ready us for Your alive Word of Love. Let it shine in and through us, lighting a path of grace, hope, and joy. May the same transfiguring power, shown forth in Jesus Christ, also shine in us for the good of the world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

Holy God, it has been easy to live with our eyes veiled. Too often, we have hidden from the hard realities within us and around us. We have shielded Your light of Love, instead of sharing it. Something deep within has often hardened our hearts, leading to inertia and unfreedom. But there is a deeper longing within. We hunger for the forgiveness and renewal You revealed in Jesus Christ. Forgive us, Holy One, and unveil our eyes and our hearts. With Your shining love, light a path of forgiveness for us that we may share it with others. By this, we may know the freedom of new life you revealed in Jesus Christ. Amen and amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Hear the good news! Do not lose heart! God is merciful. Bit by bit, we are being transformed into the image of God's glory made known in Jesus Christ. In our turning, God has forgiven us and unveiled our lives. God has also called us to listen to Jesus Christ, the Beloved, who calls us by the same name. Beloved, may the forgiving light of God's love shine through us, and bear the hope of a new beginning to others. Thanks be to 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

Why Can't We Be Friends

Curtis Mayfield

Reject racism.

MEDITATION

Through a Glass Darkly

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Here Comes The Sun

George Harrison

**Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right**

**Little darling, it's been a long cold lonely winter
Little darling, it feels like years since it's been here**

**Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right**

**Little darling, the smiles returning to the faces
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been here**

**Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right**

**Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes
Sun, sun, sun, here it comes**

**Little darling, I feel that ice is slowly melting
Little darling, it seems like years since it's been clear**

**Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo, here comes the sun
And I say it's all right**

Here comes the sun, doo-doo-doo-doo, here comes the sun

**It's all right
It's all right**

WORDS OF SENDING



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 March 1, 2025

Saturday	3/1/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/2/25	10:00 am 2:00 pm 5:00 pm	Worship Score Music Recital (J) AA (G)
Monday	3/3/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	3/4/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (G) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	3/5/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	3/6/25	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	3/7/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	3/8/25	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
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OF CHRIST**

