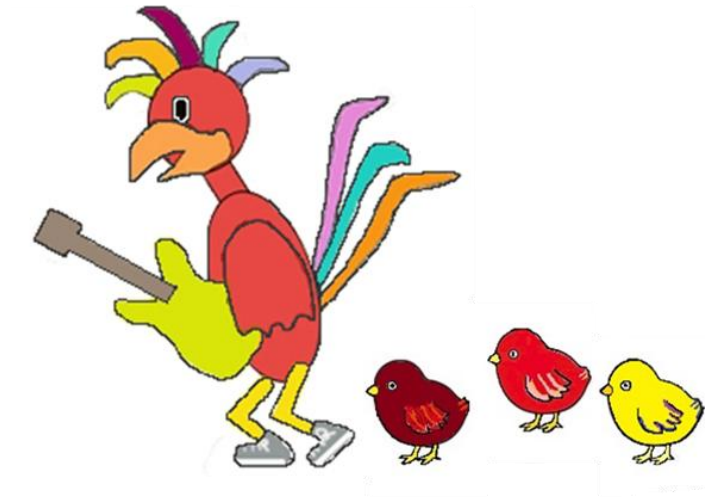


*It's Saturday*



# ***Let's Do Church!***

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

3/15/25

4:30 p.m.

WHY ARE YOU THE WAY YOU ARE?

**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'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me                      Bishop G.E. Patterson

**I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime  
I'm gonna live so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime  
I'm gonna work so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me  
Anywhere, Lord, anytime**

WELCOME

Pastor Carl Heick

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 Carl Heick and here is 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

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we don't understand why we do what we do. We are a mystery to ourselves and to others. Be with us this day and help to illuminate the sources of our choices. Help us to cultivate patience for others, slow to blame, curious to understand, quick to forgive. Grant us renewed hope with your love and forgiveness. We depend upon the mystery of your gift of Jesus, and pray in his name. 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 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.

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

INVITATION

Enjoy this life.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, we also do not understand how a small cup of juice and a little piece of bread can connect us to such a deep sense of being significant persons in your eyes with eternal residence in your heart. Thank you for never leaving us alone and bringing us to this blessed moment of renewal.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Daddy Sings Bass

Johnny Cash



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 1:1-16

MEDITATION

WHY ARE YOU THE WAY YOU ARE?

Pastor Heck

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Morning Has Broken

Cat Stevens

**Morning has broken, like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the World**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dew fall, on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the One Light Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's re-creation of the new day**

**Morning has broken, like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the World**

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!**

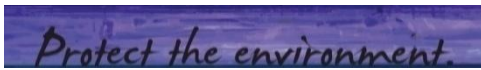
All people, young and old and in-between, are lifted up wherever they are on the journey.  
We look forward to worshipping with you again soon!  
Pastors Christie Burns and Reed Baer

### **Thank you to Rev. Carl Heick for leading us in worship today.**

Rev. Dr. Heick grew up in the United Church of Christ in Wellesley Hills. After being kidnapped by the Baptists, he served American Baptist congregations in New York and Massachusetts. He retired as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hyannis in 2012. For the last seven years he has served as co-Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hanson. He and his wife, Jane, live in Centerville. They are privileged to be new members of Wet Parish. Carl has had breakfast close to five hundred times with Rev. 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 15, 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	3/15/25	4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Nightingale Ensemble (M)
<b>Sunday</b>	3/16/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 4:30 pm	Outreach (G) Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	3/17/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/18/25	9:15 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 5:45 pm	FS Science (G) Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir (M) AA (J) Finance (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/19/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	3/20/25	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	3/21/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	3/22/25	10:00 am 4:30 pm	C & I AGO Workshop (J & M) Worship

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

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# 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**

