

It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 12, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Palm and Passion Service

*"Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me;
yet not my will but yours be done." Luke 22:42*

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

Amazing Grace / trad.

Green #401

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved and set me free!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**My God has promised good to me, whose word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we’ve been here ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.**

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 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 (Inspired by Psalm 126)

One: We have gathered in the presence of God our creator, who sets before us the ways of life and death.

Many: We have gathered in the presence of Jesus the Christ, who calls us to accept the cost of discipleship that we may know its joy.

One: We have gathered in the presence of the Spirit, who sustains us in trial and rejoicing.

All: In our living and in our dying, we belong to God. In the shadow of God's wings, we sing for joy. Let us worship God.

UNISON BLESSING OF THE PALMS

One: Let us pray together.

All: Living God, we thank you for this day of hope, joy and promise. As our ancestors waved palms in praise of Christ, so today we bring our praises. Bless these palms and bless us. May we also announce in our time that Christ has come and will come again. Amen.

HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Green #178

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the true and blessed One;
to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayer we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.**

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children, made sweet hosannas ring!**

We Participate in the Story

Luke 19:41-48

A note about language: some of our sacred texts have historically been used to demean our Jewish kin. It is painful to remember that Holy Week has been a time when Jews were persecuted by Christians – in part, because of these texts. We are grieved by the mistreatment and persecution of Jews by Christians, and we are committed to mutually beneficial interfaith relationships. We lift our Jewish neighbors as fully faithful children of God. We give thanks that our teacher, Jesus, was a faithful Jew.

LISTENING for our Still-Speaking God

We Participate in the Story

Luke 19:41-48

Jesus Weeps Over Jerusalem & Cleanses the Temple

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 9.

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.

We Participate in the Story

Luke 22:1-20

We Join Our Voices in Song

"Eat this Bread"

Green #195

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

INVITATION

Giver of all life, Source of love.

With your breath, you formed all that we are and all that is beyond us; the heavens tell your glory.

Through fear-filled days and aching nights when the powers of death have done their best to make us fear, you respond with love.

A RESPONSIVE AFFIRMATION

I believe that bread comes from grain
that grows in the wind

and the rain
with the farmers' help
far from the eyes of city folk.
**I believe that bread comes from love
the love of God
the love of the farmer
the love of the baker's hands
the love of those who bring it to me.**

I believe that bread can be
and should be broken
and shared
and given to all persons
until all have enough
and then some.

**I believe that Jesus loved bread
and took it
and broke it
and blessed it
and fed his disciples
and asked them to feed us forever.**

I believe enough in bread
to want it from Jesus
to want it to nurture me
to want his life through it
to want to give life through it.

**I believe that his body as bread feeds me
and as part of his body
I want to be bread for others.
I believe the Spirit will help me
as well Jesus' people. Amen.**

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure – that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Ella's Song

Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagon



MEDITATION

He Had to Walk This Lonesome Valley

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Spirit of the Living God

Green 281

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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 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 children and 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 or Cassie Estey after church.

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



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The Week April 12, 2025

Saturday	4/12/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	4/13/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	4/14/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm (G)
Tuesday	4/15/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (G) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Finance (G) Bell Choir (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	4/16/25	9:15 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	4/17/25	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
Friday	4/18/25	5:00 pm	Office Closed AA (J)
Saturday	4/19/25		
Sunday	4/20/25	7:30 am 10:00 am 11:30 am 5:00 pm	Worship in the Chapel Festival Worship Easter Egg Hunt AA (J)

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



Easter Flowers

Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?

Please fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to the church office
with \$12 per plant by April 14, 2025.

Given by _____

(please circle one) in memory / honor / celebration of:

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship service.

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**

