

It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

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

May 17, 2025

4:30 p.m.

IMAGINE

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." Revelation 21:3-6

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

What the World Needs Now

Burt Bacharach & Hal David

Chorus

**What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No, not just for some but for everyone**

**Lord, we don't need another mountain
There are mountains and hillsides enough to climb
There are oceans and rivers enough to cross
Enough to last until the end of time**

Chorus

**Lord, we don't need another meadow
There are corn fields and wheat fields enough to grow
There are sunbeams and moonbeams enough to shine
Oh, listen Lord, if You want to know**

Chorus

WELCOME

Pastor Christie Burns

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 Burns and our band will be led by Dr. Mary O'Neill and Debbie Barrette, 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

Imagine and Sing!

One: Beloved, let us gather not just as individuals, but as a symphony of voices, a chorus of hearts. Let us open our minds to the boundless realms of imagination, where we can see God's majesty and hear the echoes of His glory.

All: We do!

One: Let us not just hear the words of the hymns, but feel their power, see their beauty, and experience their truth. Let our imagination be our canvas, and our voices be our brushstrokes, painting a vibrant portrait of God's love.

All: We will sing!

One: Let us sing not just with our throats, but with our souls, our hearts, and our very being. Let the melody of our praise rise up like a fragrant offering, a testament to the God who has given us the gift of imagination and the joy of song.

All: We will praise!

One: Let us enter into the sacred space of worship, not as spectators, but as participants, not as observers, but as artists. Let us use our imaginations to create a symphony of worship, a tapestry of praise, a masterpiece of devotion.

All: We will worship!

One: Let us, with hearts full of gratitude and spirits lifted, respond to God's call. Let us join together in this time of worship, as we sing, as we imagine, and as we praise.

All: We will worship!

OPENING PRAYER

Prayer for Spring

One: The days of darkness and winter evolve into days of light and spring. As we approach the coming of spring, we can feel our hearts lifted by the warmth of the longer days of sun and the emerging of the spring bulbs with glimpses of color. Yet we continue

to hear news of war, of people being hungry, of new variants of COVID and we feel the pull of the darkness. Let us pray for the sustaining light of God's hope that is with us in the dark of days of winter and in the news of the world.

Let us pray together:

All: Gracious God, your hope and love has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. You sent your Son to be the light that we need all times and especially in times of darkness. As Christ shines upon us, may we feel your presence and live in all truth and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, now and forever. 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



PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Thank God

Kane Brown



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Revelations 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Thy Word

Amy Lee Grant / Michael Whitaker Smith

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
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**When I feel afraid
Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear
As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path**

**I will not forget
Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide
And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end
Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end**

**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path
And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path**

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 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 May 17, 2025

Saturday	5/17/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/18/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	5/19/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	5/20/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Finance (G & Z) Bell Choir (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	5/21/25	8 am – 11:30 am 9:15 pm 12:00 pm 1:30 – 4 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Conferences (G) FS Board (G) AA (J)
Thursday	5/22/25	8 am – 3 pm 5:00 pm	FS Conferences (G) AA (J)
Friday	5/23/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	5/24/25	11:00 am 4:30 pm	Barbara Rogers Memorial Service (M) Worship

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

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God is still speaking,
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