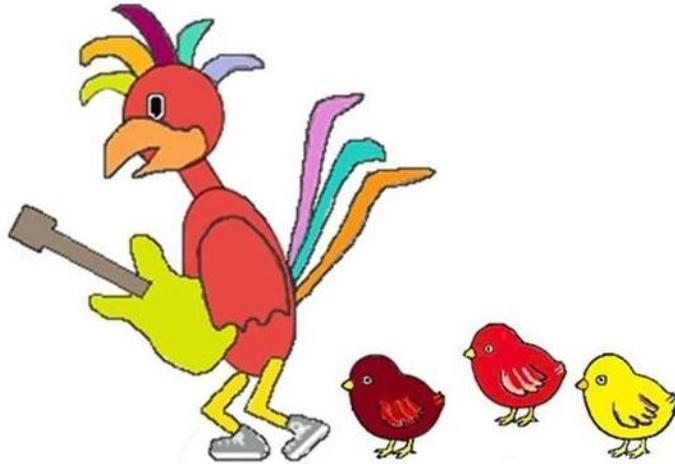


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 20th, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Risk and Courage

The midwives said to Pharaoh,

*“Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women,
for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.”*

Exodus 1:8

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

"Come Thou Fount "

Nettleton

**Come Thou Fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace Lord like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.**

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, with Pastor Reed and we have John Williams 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

One: God, we come here asking for help when the world overwhelms.

All: Here there is hope.

One: God, we come here when we need a balm in Gilead.

All: Here there is peace.

One: We will create a deeper sense of love in the world.

All: Here there is love.

OPENING PRAYER

May we walk good paths, O God, living on this earth, as brothers and sisters should; rejoicing in one another's sorrows, and together with you, renewing the face of the earth. 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

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

One: 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

I Can See Clearly Now

Johnny Nash



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Exodus 1:8-22

POEM

Go to the Limits of Your Longing

Rainer Maria Rilke

MEDITATION

Courage and Risk

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

Siyahamba

We are marching* in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God
We are marching in the light of God

We are marching, marching
We are marching Oh Oh

We are marching in the light of God
We are marching, marching, marching
We are marching Oh Oh
We are marching in the light of God

2. * singing
3. * dancing
4. * praying
5. * marching

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 Cassie Estey, during the last 20 minutes of the service. We can always use an extra pair of hands. If you are 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 of September 20, 2025

Saturday	9/20/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/21/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/22/25	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/23/25	9:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) Choir Rehearsal (M) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	9/24/25	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	9/25/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	9/26/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	9/27/25	1:00 pm 4:30 pm	Tom Davis Memorial Service (M) Worship

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

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Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

