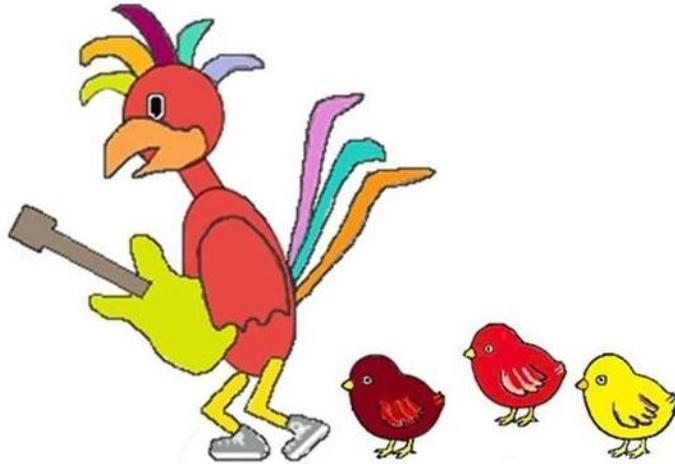


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 4th, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Mustard Seed Faith

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Luke 17:5

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

Lean On Me

Bill Withers

**Sometimes in our lives
We all have pain, we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise,
We know that there's always tomorrow.**

**Lean on me when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.**

**Please swallow your pride
If I have things you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show.**

**You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'll understand,
We all need somebody to lean on.**

**If there is a load
You have to bear**

That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me.

Call me - if you need a friend
Call me - if you need a friend
Call me - if you need a friend
Call me

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 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

One: We gather, as God's people, bringing our fears and pain,
knowing that when our spirits have grown cold,

Many: God rekindles the gift of faith in us.

One: We gather, as God's people,
hanging our broken hearts on the branches of the tree of life,
knowing that while friends may turn against us,

Many: God transforms enemies into sisters and brothers.

One: We gather, as God's people, hungering for healing and hope,
knowing that even when life is no picnic,

Many: God prepares a feast for us.

OPENING PRAYER

**You are above me, O God,
You are within.
You are in all things yet contained by nothing.
Teach me to seek you in all that has life
That I may see you as the Light of life.
Teach me to search for you in my own depths
That I may find you in every living soul.**

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

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

Keep Your Head Up

Andy Grammer



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 17:5-10

MEDITATION

Mustard Seed Faith

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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**Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart'
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

WORDS OF SENDING

A banner with the text "Love God." in a large, black, serif font, set against a background of a green field and a blue sky.

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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Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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The week of October 4, 2025

Saturday	10/4/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/5/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	10/6/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	10/7/25	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	10/8/25	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	10/9/25	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	10/10/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	10/11/25	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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Reject racism.

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Enjoy this life.

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

