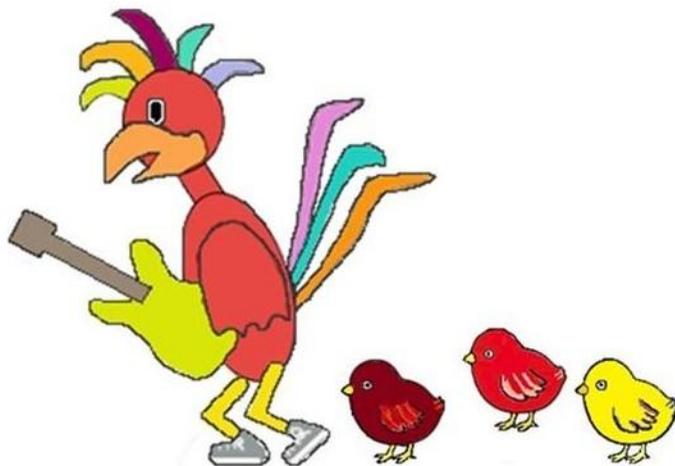


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 18, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Do Not Lose Heart

“Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always
and not to lose heart.” Luke 18:1

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Green #439

Refrain

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

**Upon the mountain, when the Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all were mine.**

Refrain

**O Jordan river is chilly and cold,
it chills the body, not the soul.
There's only one train upon this track;
it runs to heaven, then right back.**

Refrain

**O I have heartache and I have woe,
and I have trouble here below.
But while God leads me, I'll never fear,
for I am sheltered by God's care.**

Refrain

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 in this place to offer our praise to a faithful God.

Many: We bring our requests to God, knowing that God hears us.

One: Jesus commands us: "Always pray and do not lose heart!"

Many: And so, we commit ourselves to persistent prayer, trusting in God's justice and care.

One: Let us join our voices in prayer for ourselves and for all who cry out for justice.

Many: We pray with hope, O God, with an intentional faith that we may never lose heart.

OPENING PRAYER written by John Birch

Lord,

Let us never give up praying

for justice,

or the oppressed in this world

will one day ask us 'Why?'

Let us never give up praying

for fairness,

or the hungry of this world

will one day ask us 'Why?'

Let us never give up praying

for healing,

or the sick in this world
will one day ask us 'Why?'
Let us never give up praying,
for to give up
is to deny our faith
in a God who answers prayer. 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 Won't Back Down

Tom Petty



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 18:1-8

MEDITATION

Do Not Lose Heart and Persistent Prayers

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG "It's Me, It's Me, O Lord (Standin' in the Need of Prayer)" Green #437

Refrain

It's me, it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

It's me, it's me O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord, standin' in the need of prayer.

Refrain

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 October 18, 2025

Saturday	10/18/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/19/25	9:15 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Outreach (G) Worship AA (J)
Monday	10/20/25	9:00 am 5:00 pm 4:30 pm 7:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) AA (J) Finance (G) AA (J)
Tuesday	10/21/25	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (M) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) W. Barnstable Civic Assoc. Meet the Candidates (M)
Wednesday	10/22/25	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	10/23/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	10/24/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	10/25/25	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Trunk or Treat in the FS Circle

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

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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**

