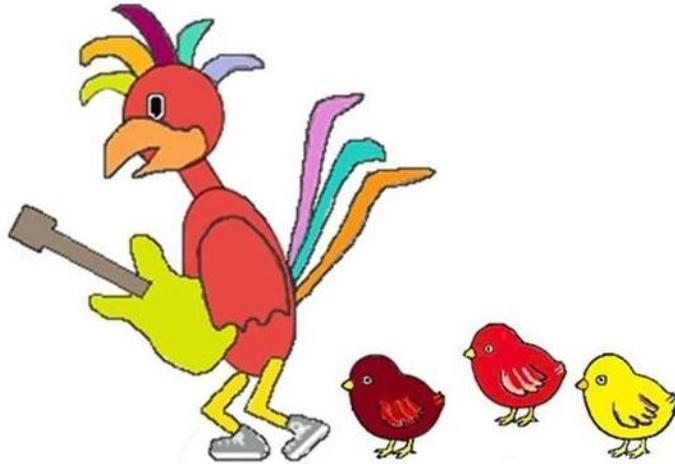


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 25, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Just Worship

*Jesus commented, "This tax man, not the other, went home made right with God. If you walk around with your nose in the air, you're going to end up flat on your face, but if you're content to be simply yourself, you will become more than yourself."*

Luke 18:14

**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

People Get Ready

Curtis Mayfield

**People get ready  
There's a train a comin'  
You don't need no baggage  
You just get on board  
All you need is faith  
To hear the diesels hummin'  
You don't need no ticket  
You just thank the Lord**

**So people get ready  
There's a train to Jordan  
Picking up passengers  
Coast to coast  
Faith is the key  
Open the doors and board them  
There's hope for all  
Among those loved the most**

**People get ready  
There's a train a comin'  
You don't need no baggage  
You just get on board**

**All you need is faith  
To hear the diesels hummin'  
You don't need no ticket  
You just thank the Lord**

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

We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

**Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.**

We worship because the Lord gives strength.

**Even when we feel so weak.**

We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

**Even when we are afraid that we have lost.**

Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

**We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.**

OPENING PRAYER

*(inspired by 2 Timothy 4: 6-8 and Hebrews 12: 1-3)*

**Lord,**

**thank you so much for your faithfulness to us in the difficult times.**

Help each of us to run with perseverance  
the race that you set before us  
and to finish that race well with your help.  
Help us to keep the faith  
and the teaching that you have entrusted to us  
and pass it on faithfully to those in the next generation  
who can teach others also.  
We know you will be with us to the end.  
We know that your grace is sufficient.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. 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**

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

True Colors

Cindy Lauper



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 18:1-8

MEDITATION

Just Worship

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

I Am Woman!

Helen Ready / Ray Burton

I am woman, hear me roar  
In numbers too big to ignore  
And I know too much to go back an' pretend  
'Cause I've heard it all before  
And I've been down there on the floor  
No one's ever gonna keep me down again

*Chorus*

Oh yes, I am wise  
But it's wisdom born of pain  
Yes, I've paid the price  
But look how much I gained  
If I have to, I can do anything  
I am strong  
(Strong)  
I am invincible  
(Invincible)  
I am woman

You can bend but never break me  
'Cause it only serves to make me  
More determined to achieve my final goal  
And I come back even stronger  
Not a novice any longer  
'Cause you've deepened the conviction in my soul

*Chorus*

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 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 25, 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	10/25/25	4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Trunk or Treat
<b>Sunday</b>	10/26/25	10:00 am 11:25 am 5:00 pm	Worship Conversation with the Pastor (G) AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	10/27/25	9:00 am 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10/28/25	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	10/29/25	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	10/30/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	10/31/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	11/1/25	4:30 pm	Worship

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

# 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**

