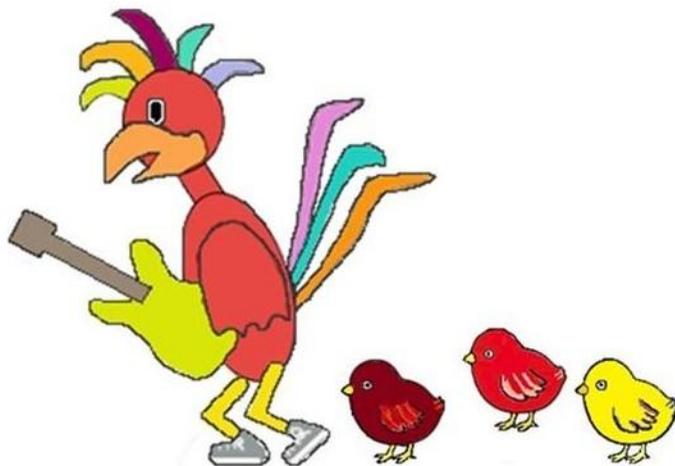


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 8, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Becoming Miracles

*“So, Jesus told the crowd to sit down on the ground. After giving thanks, he took the seven bread loaves, broke them into pieces, and gave them to his disciples to hand them out as well.” Mark 8:6-8*

**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

“We Are One in The Spirit”

Green 386

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored:**

*Refrain*

**And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land;**

*Refrain*

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
and we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride.**

*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 musician 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: The crowds are hungry, and we, too, hunger for meaning, for a sign from God. We gather, drawn by compassion and the promise of your kingdom.

**Many: We come to worship, God of abundance, and to be fed by your Word.**

One: Yet, we also bring our impatience, our desire for more than the signs we are given. We are tempted to demand, to test, to see what you will do.

**Many: Forgive us our grumbling and our doubt. Help us to trust in your provision and to find sustenance in your presence.**

One: Jesus, you take the small and make it much, with a heart of compassion for the lost. You refuse to offer a sign to those who will not believe.

**Many: We worship you, Christ, who is the sign of God's love, the one who provides abundantly and calls us to deeper faith.**

One: You feed us not just with bread, but with truth. You challenge us to live with faith and to be signs of hope to a world that is hungry.

**Many: We are your disciples. Give us the grace to lay aside our demands and to follow you into service, that we may share in your kingdom of joy.**

**All: Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of our hopes and dreams,  
we are empty, and long to be filled;  
we are hungry, and long to be fed;**

we are lost, and long to be found.  
Gather us into your love,  
and pick up the pieces of our lives,  
just as Jesus gathered up the fragments  
of the five loaves and two fish  
that remained after feeding the five thousand.  
Call us anew to eat our fill  
and to find our true nourishment in Jesus,  
the bread of heaven. 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**

In the time of Jesus, sharing a meal with others was never a casual matter. But Jesus welcomed everyone – when he sat at table with all those society pushed to the margins, the ill, the tax collectors, those condemned as sinners, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds.

We proclaim again the comfort and challenge of that witness: all are invited now to share God's table and be nourished by the bread of life. Here is the bread, here is the wine.

**THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Let us pray.**

**We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the height of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast.**

**We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence.**

**We thank you that you stamped his death with victory, and that Life, not death, has the final word.**

**We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by the same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants in the world. Amen.**

## 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 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

Lovely Day

Bill Withers



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Mark 8: 1-12

MEDITATION

Becoming Miracles

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

“You Are Called to Tell the Story”

Green #330

**You are called to tell the story, passing words of life along,  
then to blend your voice with others as you sing the sacred song.  
Christ be known in all our singing, filling all with songs of love.**

**You are called to teach the rhythm of the dance that never ends,  
then to move within the circle, hand in hand with strangers, friends.  
Christ be known in all our dancing, touching with hands of love.**

**You are called to set the table, blessing bread as Jesus blessed,  
then come with thirst and hunger, needing care like all the rest.  
Christ be known in all our sharing, feeding with signs of love.**

**May the One whose love is broader than the measure of all space  
give us words to sing the story, move among us in this place.  
Christ be known in all our living, filling all with gifts of love.**

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 November 8, 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	11/8/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	11/9/25	10:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm	Worship 1717 MHF Annual Meeting (M) AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	11/10/25	9:00 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	11/11/25	11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Office Closed Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11/12/25	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Board (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	11/13/25	8:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	11/14/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	11/15/25	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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*Reject racism.*

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**Enjoy this life.**

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

