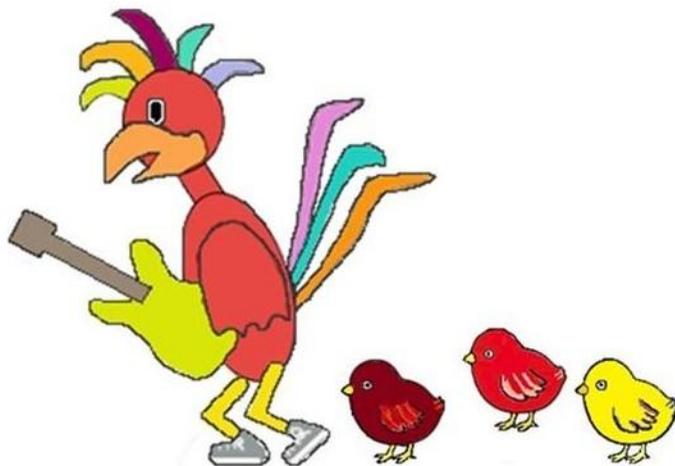


*It's Saturday*



# **Let's Do Church!**

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 15, 2025

4:30 p.m.

Nothing Can Separate Us from the Love of God

*"I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today, tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master embraced us." Romans 8:39*

**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

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

**Some glad morning when this life is over**

**I'll fly away**

**To a home on God's celestial shore**

**I'll fly away**

*Chorus*

**I'll fly away, o Glory**

**I'll fly away (In the morning)**

**When I die, Hallelujah, bye and bye**

**I'll fly away**

**When the shadows of this life are gone**

**I'll fly away**

**Like a bird from prison bars has flown**

**I'll fly away**

*Chorus*

**Just a few more weary days and then**

**I'll fly away**

**To a land where joy shall never end**

**I'll fly away**

*Chorus*

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

If God is for us, who is against us?

**God who gave us his son,  
now gives us the Spirit in power!**

The Holy One is in our midst:

**equipping us for life in the service of Christ.**

In Christ we are more than conquerors,

**for nothing in creation can separate us from the love of God!**

May the all surpassing grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And the unshakable love of God be with you.**

The joyous communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you!**

OPENING PRAYER

**God who loves us deeper than our sighs or fears. You hold us in the palm of your hand.**

**Remind us that no matter where we go, we cannot escape your love that is over and around us. Nothing can separate us from your love, not even the grave. So, let us**

**breathe deep and call out to you and ask you God to call surround us with a love that will not let us go. Remind us how deeply we are loved this day and forever more. 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

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’ 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

Brown Eyed Girl  
with special guests Jane Small and Ginna Smith

Van Morrison



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Romans 8:29-39

SPECIAL MESSAGE

A Remembrance of her daughter Jessica

Jane Small

MEDITATION

Nothing Can Separate Us from the Love of God Rev. Christie Burns

### GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

With A Little Help From My Friends

Lennon / McCartney

**What would you think if I sang out of tune  
Would you stand up and walk out on me?  
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song  
And I'll try not to sing out of key**

**Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends**

What do I do when my love is away?  
(Does it worry you to be alone?)  
How do I feel by the end of the day?  
(Are you sad because you're on your own?)

No I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends

(Do you need anybody?)  
I need somebody to love  
(Could it be anybody?)  
I want somebody to love

(Would you believe in a love at first sight?)  
Yes I'm certain that it happens all the time  
(What do you see when you turn out the light?)  
I can't tell you, but I know it's mine

Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm I get high with a little help from my friends  
Oh I'm gonna try with a little help from my friends

(Do you need anybody?)  
I just need someone to love  
(Could it be anybody?)  
I want somebody to love

Oh I get by with a little help from my friends  
Mm gonna try with a little help from my friends  
Oh I get high with a little help from my friends  
Yes I get by with a little help from my friends  
With a little help from my friends

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 15, 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	11/8/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	11/9/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	11/10/25	all day 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Greens (J) Finance (G & Z) AA (M) AA (M)
<b>Tuesday</b>	11/11/25	all day 11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Greens (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (M)
<b>Wednesday</b>	11/12/25	all day 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Greens (J) Bible Study (G) AA (M)
<b>Thursday</b>	11/13/25	all day 5:00 pm	Greens (J) AA (M)
<b>Friday</b>	11/14/25		<b>Fair Set Up Day</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	11/15/25	9 am – 2 pm 4:30 pm	<b>Rooster Crows Fair</b> Worship

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

