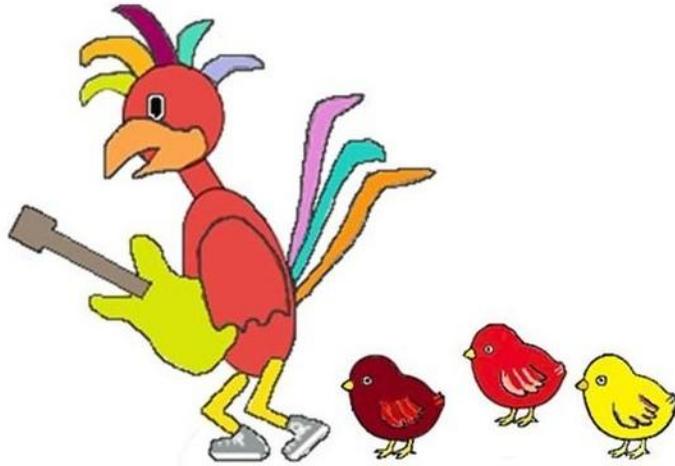


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 14, 2026

4:30 p.m.

An Exploration of the Lord's Prayer

*"Our Father in heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one"*

Matthew 6:9-13

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

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Green #7

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of the unbroken praise.
Fields and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing, all who live in love are thine.
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
God’s own love is reigning o’er us, joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.**

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, and here is 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: In this sweet hour of prayer,

Many: We are called to bring all our celebrations and cares into God's presence.

One: In the midst of days when we throw up our hands in exhaustion,

Many: We worship God who hears our laments and knows the aches in our souls.

One: In times when our hearts are strangely warmed and our souls surge with joy.

Many: We worship God who stirs and still creates even in such a time as this.

One: Come, people of God, let us raise our voices in prayer and praise.

Many: We connect as God's community in this old Meetinghouse and across the internet.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy One, what language can we borrow to bring voice to what is within us right now? Our words seem sometimes to skim the surface, with a mixture of gratitude and grief for all that is happening in our lives. Like the disciples, we are not always sure how to pray. We can get caught in "shoulds" and "oughts". We can be trapped by thinking that prayer is trying to convince You of our ways. Or we might think prayers need to wax poetically believing that our words are inadequate. We are not always so eloquent, sometimes we are so flustered and frustrated. Other times we are overwhelmed and unsure about what to do. Help us this afternoon breathe and be in Your presence. We come before you singing the prayer you taught us to say, the "Our Father." 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 to this table, not because you must but because you may,
not because you are strong, but because you are weak.
Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come,
but because you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more.
Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you.
Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body.

THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER

We gather at this table to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to those sitting around him, saying, "*Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.*" In the same way after
supper, he took the cup, saying: "*This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for
you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.*"

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**We give you thanks, O God, for the mighty sweep of your love.
We bless you for the bounty of the earth and for the vision of the day when sharing by
all will mean scarcity for none; when justice shall reign, when peace will prevail.
We give you thanks for having sent Jesus Christ, to break down the walls that divide us
and forge bonds of love; we give you thanks for the One who liberated us from the
power of sin and death.**

**We ask you, Gracious One, to send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, on our gifts,
and on us, that we might be strengthened to live lives of gratitude.
With the entire company of saints in heaven and on earth, we worship and glorify you,
God Most Holy.
Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and juice.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come for all things have been made ready.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, O God, you that are worthy of all praise. You have forgiven us and offered us new life. We have experienced the reality of Christ in us as we have received the bread and cup. What more can we ask of you? Thank you, loving God. Guide our steps into service that is worthy of your name, today and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

“Living on a Prayer”

Jon Bon Jovi



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 6:5-14

MEDITATION

It's Me O Lord, Standing in the Need of Prayer 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, standing in the need of prayer.

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

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

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Refrain

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

Christie holds coffee hours at Nirvana in Barnstable Village on Tuesdays from 11 to noon.
Call, text, or email for an appointment: 508-494-6409 associatepastor@westparish.org.

“Saturday School” is underway, a special class for our youngsters, held over in Jenkins Hall, led by Pastor Reed and an adult lay teacher/volunteer, during the last 20 minutes of the service. 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 February 14, 2026

Saturday	2/14/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	2/15/26	10:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm	Worship Brunch of Love (J) AA (J)
Monday	2/16/26	3:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office Closed Finance (G) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	2/17/26	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Wednesday	2/18/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	2/19/26	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J) Compassion Collective (G)
Friday	2/20/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	2/21/26	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**

