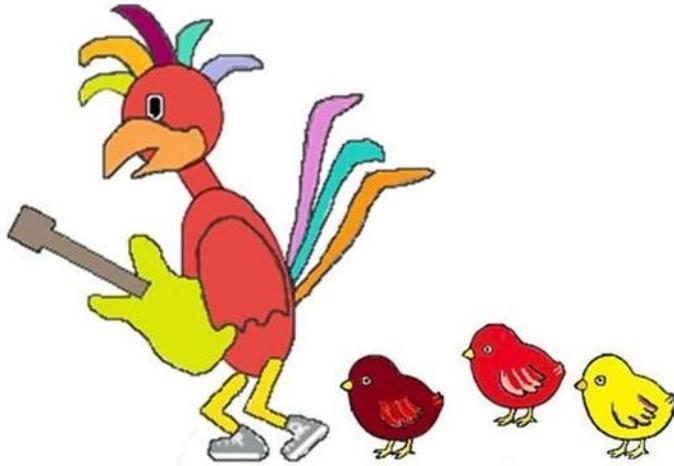


**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

**WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**February 21, 2026**

**4:30 p.m.**

## **Wilderness Times**

*Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil.  
He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished.*

*The tempter came and said to him,*

*“If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”*

*But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*

*Matthew 4:4-5*

**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

*This is the Day*

*Green #257*

**This is the day, this is the day that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
this is the day, this is the day that our God has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again, Jesus rose again;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day Jesus rose again, we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
this is the day, this is the day Jesus rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day when the Spirit came, we will rejoice and be glad in it;  
this is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.**

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: Then the Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

**Many: Come, beloveds, into the wilderness  
of our heartbreaking and troubled days.**

One: In the midst of our hunger for comfort,  
provoked by lies of scarcity,

**Many: this Lent journey promises bread and abundance.**

One: In the midst of our longing for safety,  
enticed by promises of security,

**Many: this Lent journey promises angels and costly solidarity.**

One: In the midst of our clinging to power,  
lured by the ease of complicity,

**Many: this Lent journey promises prayer and turning around.**

One: The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness.

**Many: Come, beloveds, to worship,  
venturing deeper and deeper into the wilderness  
of our broken and beautiful world.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

**In the wilderness and the wandering and the weariness, lead us, Holy Spirit.**

**In the hungering and the holding and the humbling, accompany us, Holy Spirit.**

**In the tempting and the testing and the turning, move us, Holy Spirit.**

**In the resisting and the refusing and the recognizing, guide us, Holy Spirit.**

**Ground in us, as we ground in you.**

**Breathe with us, as we breathe with you.**

Turn with us, as we turn toward you.  
As the new way emerges, 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

Iona community

This table does not belong to any denomination,  
church or community.

It belongs to Jesus.

It was at table that he met people,  
heard their stories and shared his.

It was at table that he deepened his friendship  
with poor folk and prostitutes,  
the business class and puzzled bystanders.

It was at table that he shared profound insights  
into who God is and what God wants.

And it was at table, with bread and wine,  
that he initiated the sacrament we now celebrate.

So come to this table.

Leave behind any baggage of arrogance or unworthiness.

Do not think, 'This is not for me.'

Think rather of Jesus saying, 'I am for you,'  
and accept his invitation to be the friend  
he cherishes and longs to feed.

#### 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

**Hear us, O Christ and breathe your Spirit upon us  
and upon this bread and juice.**

**May they become for us your body,  
vibrant with your life,  
healing, renewing and making us whole.**

**And as the bread and wine which we now eat  
and drink are changed into us,  
may we be changed again into you,  
bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,  
loving and caring in the world.**

### 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

Wild World

Cat Stevens



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Matthew 4:1-11

**GOD SENDS US FORTH**



CLOSING SONG

Send Me Jesus (Thuma Mina)

Green #344

**Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,  
send me, Jesus, send Lord.**

**Lead me Jesus, lead me, Jesus,  
lead me Jesus, lead me Lord.**

**Fill me Jesus, fill me Jesus,  
fill me Jesus, fill me Lord.**

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](mailto: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 of February 21, 2026

<b>Saturday</b>	2/21/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	2/22/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	2/23/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	2/24/26	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	2/25/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	2/26/26	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	AA (J) Compassion Collective (G)
<b>Friday</b>	2/27/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	2/28/26	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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**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**

