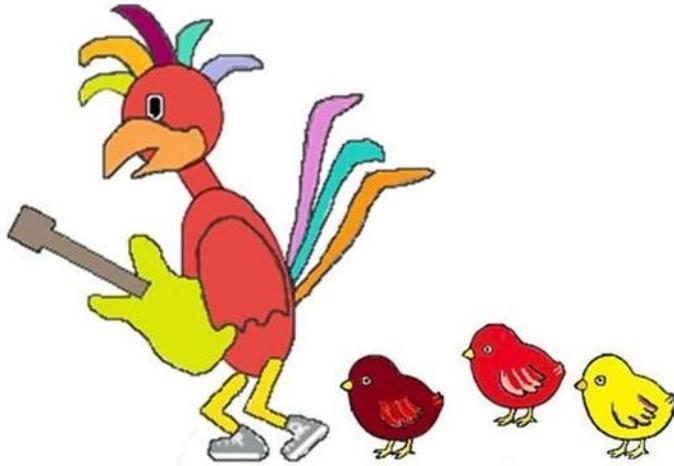


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

February 28, 2026

4:30 p.m.

A Bold Blessing

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him."

John 3:16-17

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 Joy That I Have

The Resistance Revival Chorus

This joy that I have

The world didn't give it to me (oh, oh, oh)

This joy that I have

The world didn't give it to me (don't you know that)

This joy that I have

The world didn't give it to me

Ooh I said, the world didn't give it

The world can't take it away

All this strength that I have, this strength that I have

This strength that I have (oh yeah, now)

The world didn't give it to me (world didn't give it to me)

This strength that I have (oh yeah)

The world didn't give it to me (world didn't give it to me)

This strength that I have (oh yeah)

The world didn't give it to me

Ooh I said, the world didn't give it

The world can't take it away

All this love, this love that I have

This love that I have (oh yeah, now)
The world didn't give it to me (the world didn't give it to me)
This love that I have (oh yeah)
The world didn't give it to me (don't you know that)
This love that I have (yeah-yeah)
The world didn't give it to me
Singing, the world didn't give it
The world can't take it away

All this pride that I have, this pride that I have
This pride that I have (oh yeah, now)
The world didn't give it to me (world didn't give it to me)
This pride that I have
I said the world didn't give it to me (don't you know that)

This pride that I have (yeah-yeah)
The world didn't give it to me
Oh I said, the world didn't give it
The world can't take it away

All this peace that I have (this peace that I have)
The world didn't give it to me (the world didn't give me my peace)
This peace that I have (oh yeah, now)
The world didn't give it to me (won't you sing about peace)

This peace that I have (oh yeah, now)
The world didn't give it to me
Mm-hm, I said, the world didn't give it
The world can't take it away

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: As we bask in the steadfast love of God,

Many: Let us share this love with our neighbors.

One: As we stand in the light of God,

Many: Let us embrace this light and shine it everywhere

One: As we grow with the grace of God,

Let us share the Good News of this grace in all times and spaces.

OPENING PRAYER

Eternal Source of Light and Love, may we grow with your presence. May we know that with your light we are able to see paths of hope ahead of us. Through your love, we realize that we never travel alone. In this season of wilderness, may the glimmer of your light continue to shine on our road, and may your love warm us in frigid moments.

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

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 juice 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

Fire and Rain

James Taylor



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 3:1-17

MEDITATION

A Bold Blessing

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Here I Am, Lord

Green #593

**I, the Lord of the sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of the, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

Refrain

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life. Whom shall I send?**

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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Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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The Week February 28, 2026

Saturday	2/28/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/1/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	3/2/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	3/3/26	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) WITS (G)
Wednesday	3/4/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	3/5/26	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	AA (J) Compassion Collective (G)
Friday	3/6/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	3/7/26	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**

