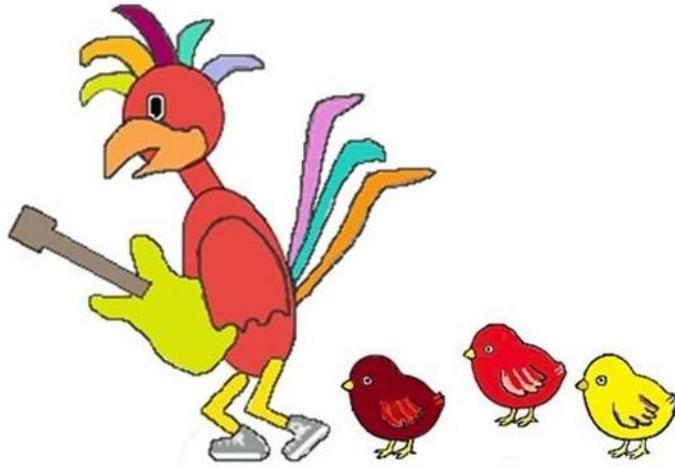


**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

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

March 7, 2026

4:30 p.m.

## **Thirsty Voices**

*A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her,  
"Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)*

*The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me,  
a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)*

*Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you,  
'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."*

John 4:7-10

**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

Come, let us sing to the Lord!

**Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving!

**Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!**

Come, let us worship and celebrate God's loving presence with us.

**We sing to God with our hearts and our spirits. AMEN.**

#### OPENING PRAYER

**Lord Jesus, you stopped at the well to meet a stranger, breaking down walls of division.**

**We come to you today, thirsty for peace, purpose, or healing. As you offered living**

**water to the Samaritan woman, pour out your Spirit upon us now. Let it bubble up**

**within us to eternal life. We worship you, Savior of the world. 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

Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Simon and Garfunkel



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 4:5-42

MEDITATION

Thirsty Voices

Rev. Christie Burns

### GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Green # 345

**God be with you till we meet again;  
loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
with a shepherd's care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

***Refrain***

**Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;  
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.**

**God be with you till we meet again;  
under wings, protecting, hide you,  
daily manna still provide you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

***Refrain***

**God be with you till we meet again;  
when life's perils thick confound you,**

**put unfailing arms around you:  
God be with you till we meet again.**

***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](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 March 7, 2026

<b>Saturday</b>	3/7/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	3/8/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	3/9/26	3:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Finance (G) AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm Board (G) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/10/26	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:45 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) W. Barnstable Festival Committee (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/11/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	3/12/26	8:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back Pop-Up Crafters (G) AA (J) FS 50 <sup>th</sup> Gala Planning Committee (G)
<b>Friday</b>	3/13/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	3/14/26	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**

