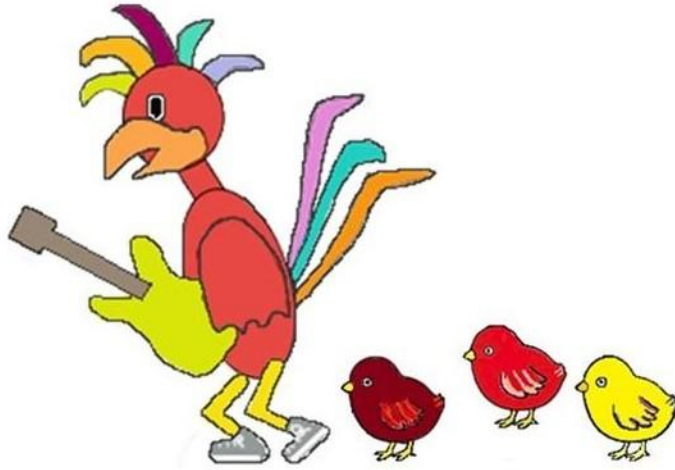


**It's Saturday**



# **Let's Do Church!**

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

**March 14, 2026**

**4:30 p.m.**

## **Jesus Weeps and All the Marys**

*Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."*

**John 11:38-44**

**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

In the Bulb There is a Flower

Green #493

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death a resurrection; at the last a victory,  
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

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 out of the depths of the wilderness of all that has been lost.

Push away the stone and wonder what glory could be.

**We believe that there is more than this sorrow.**

Come out into the morning light and find others waiting  
and hoping for love to mend hearts again.

**Our souls come together to watch and wait.**

**Creator God, here on holy ground, we praise you,  
and we listen for your Word.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Gracious God, we gather in love of Jesus the Christ and open ourselves to your Spirit. We open ourselves to your life in the midst of death. We open ourselves to your hope in the midst of despair. In the midst of confusion and uncertainty, we open ourselves to a new way of seeing things, a new way of understanding things in your love. Stir us in our depths and call us out beyond every resistance. 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

I was asked the other day if Jesus liked parties.

I think it was a good question, but just about all of us like parties, and we want to know, if Jesus was not only fully God but also fully human, how Jesus could be fully human and not like parties.

The answer, of course, is that Jesus loved parties!

In the Gospel according to John, we read that Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding reception – a big party! Throughout his ministry, Jesus is shown in the Bible as attending parties – parties to which he invited everyone!

In Jesus' time, there were very strict rules about who got invited to parties. Rich people never invited poor people to their parties; men did not invite women to their parties; well people never invited the disabled to their parties. Jesus broke all the rules about parties – Jesus invited everyone, even children, to the feasts.

Even today Jesus invites us to the party. We are about to share what is called the Lord's Supper together – that means, it's Jesus' meal, Jesus' party. Jesus is the host, and we are the guests. We are all invited, men and women, children and adults, old-time church members and those who have come to meet Jesus for the first time.

And in this party, there is no kids table – we all are invited to the same big table!

And so, using our best party manners, I invite you all to share in this meal.

#### 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

**Most gracious God, source of all blessing, we give you thanks for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, glorifying you in everything we do and say, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

“Rise Up”

Andrea Day



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 11:1-45

MEDITATION

Jesus Weeps and All the Marys

Rev. Christie Burns

#### GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Lean On Me

Bill Withers

**Sometimes in our lives  
We all have pain, we all have sorrow.**

But if we are wise,  
We know that there's always tomorrow.

Lean on me when you're not strong  
And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on  
For it won't be long  
'Til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.

Please swallow your pride  
If I have things you need to borrow  
For no one can fill those of your needs  
That you won't let show.

You just call on me, brother, when you need a hand  
We all need somebody to lean on.  
I just might have a problem that you'll understand,  
We all need somebody to lean on.

If there is a load  
You have to bear  
That you can't carry  
I'm right up the road  
I'll share your load  
If you just call me.

Call me - if you need a friend  
Call me - if you need a friend  
Call me - if you need a friend  
Call me

WORDS OF SENDING



Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go in peace  
Go in kindness  
Go in love  
Go in faith  
Leave the day

Go in Peace

Sam Baker

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 14, 2026**

<b>Saturday</b>	3/14/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	3/15/26	9:15 am 10:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm	Outreach (G) Worship Irish Box Lunch at Coffee Hour AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	3/16/26	2:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	1717 MHF (G) AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/17/26	11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/18/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	3/19/26	5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	3/20/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	3/21/26	1:00 pm 4:30 pm	P.E.O. Reciprocity (J) 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**

