

It's Saturday



by Julie Brunn

Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

March 28, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Palm Saturday

“When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place of the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples saying, ‘Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, “Why are you untying the colt?” just say this, “The Lord needs it.””’

Luke 19:30-31

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

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Green #179

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the crowds hosanna cry;
Through waving branches slowly ride, O Savior, to be crucified.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest foe defy;
Bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O Christ, your power and reign.**

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

(have your palms ready)

We join with the crowd that eagerly awaited the coming of Jesus.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

Fulfilling prophecy, Jesus entered the city riding humbly on a donkey.

(Louder) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

Jesus' followers were excited, filled with anticipation. Yet, within a few short days, they were scattered, disillusioned, and frightened, unwilling to follow as far as Christ would have them go.

(softer) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

We, too, long to join the triumphal procession, only to find ourselves burdened by the past, fearful of the future, reluctant to accept the way of the cross.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

Yet this Palm Saturday we receive palm branches, a reminder of the welcome offered to Jesus as he traveled towards the cross.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

Like the crowd in Jerusalem 2000 years ago, we take our palm branches and greet Jesus shouting:

(very loud) Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God! Hosanna in the highest!

OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, as we enter into Holy Week and gather in your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Bring us at the last with him and all the faithful to your new Jerusalem, your kingdom of peace and justice for all. We ask it in the name of Jesus. 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

Like us, the disciples were ordinary people living in an extraordinary time. As they gathered in that Upper Room, they knew something was about to happen, sensed that their lives would be changing in ways they only guess at. Some were anxious, some were angry, some were at peace. And Jesus fed them all- the ones who would fall asleep, the ones who would run away, even the one who would betray him; because his love bridged every barrier. So, it is for us; there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER

This week we remember Jesus' Last Supper and when he washed the feet of his disciples. Jesus rose from the supper table and took a pitcher of water. He poured it into a basin, knelt down, and began to wash the disciples' feet. When he was finished, he sat down and spoke with the disciples, saying, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

That same night, 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: *"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

**By your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. 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

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

Stand By Me

Ben E. King



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 19:28-40, Luke 22:14-23

MEDITATION

More of a Protest Than a Parade

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Green #178

**All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest, the true and blessed One;
to thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King.
All glory, laud and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

WORDS OF SENDING



Love God.

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.**

Easter Flowers

Interested in sponsoring a plant or two?

Please fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to the church office with \$12 per plant by Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

Given by _____

(*please circle one*) in memory / honor / celebration of:

The plants will be available to take after the 10 a.m. worship service.



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.



by recycling this bulletin.

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If you would like your donation to go toward something specific like “Deacons”, note that in the description.

Church Staff

Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
Paula King, Music Director
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The Week of March 28, 2026

Saturday	3/28/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	3/29/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	3/30/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	3/31/26	11:00 am 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir Rehearsal (J) AA (J)
Wednesday	4/1/26	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	4/2/26	5:00 pm	AA (J)
Friday	4/3/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Office Closed Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	4/4/26		No Saturday Service
Sunday	4/5/26	10:00 am 11:15 am 5:00 pm	Easter Worship Easter Egg Hunt AA (J)

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**

