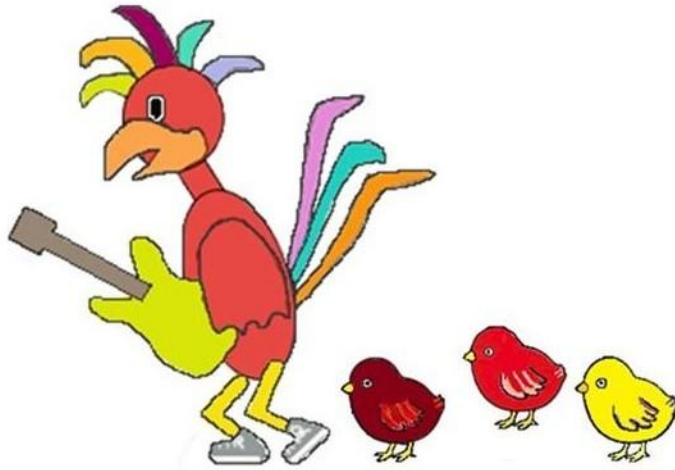


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

April 11, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Love the Questions

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

John 20:26-28

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Green #467

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.

I'm gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.

I'm gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anytime, Lord, and anywhere.

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: We have not seen the risen Christ,

**Many: But we see him in the lives
of those transformed by grace.**

One: We have not seen Jesus face-to-face,

**Many: But we have seen him in the faces
of everyone whose love encourages us.**

One: We have not touched the wounds from the cross,

Many: But we have been called to bring healing to the scarred of the world.

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, Lover of your children: the tomb has been opened, and we dance into your future. Your life has dawned on us, and we surround you with our praise. You reach out your hand, and lead us into joy.

Jesus Christ, Faithful Witness: you pick open the locked doors of our hearts and come in to be with us forever. You breathe peace into our souls, so we may bring healing to a troubled world.

Holy Spirit, Breath of Peace: you show us our hearts, so we may give love to others. You show us our hands, sending us to serve the needy. You show us your hope, so we may live in your joy.

God in Community, Holy in One, who is, who was, and who is to come, hear us as we pray as you have taught us singing the Lord's Prayer.

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

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

I'm a Believer

Neil Diamond



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 20:19-31

MEDITATION

Love the Questions

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

I've Got Peace Like a River

Green #426

**I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river, in-a my soul. (2x)**

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain, in-a my soul. (2x)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean, in-a my soul. (2x)

I've got faith like an anchor, I've got faith like an anchor,
I've got faith like an anchor, in-a my soul. (2x)

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

“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 April 11, 2026

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| Saturday | 4/11/26 | 4:30 pm | Worship |
| Sunday | 4/12/26 | 10:00 am 5:00 pm | Worship AA (J) |
| Monday | 4/13/26 | 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm (G) AA (J) |
| Tuesday | 4/14/26 | 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:45 pm | Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) W. Barnstable Festival Committee (G) |
| Wednesday | 4/15/26 | 9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J) |
| Thursday | 4/16/26 | 5:00 pm | Rooster Crows Articles Due AA (J) |
| Friday | 4/17/26 | 9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm | FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J) |
| Saturday | 4/18/26 | 4:30 pm | Worship |

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

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Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

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Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

