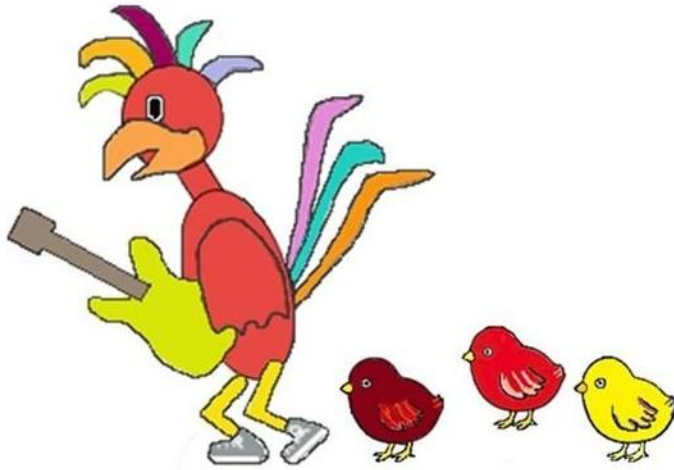


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 9, 2026

4:30 p.m.

The Advocate

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever."

John 14: 15-16

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

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.**

**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

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, call me, uh-huh
Call me when you need a friend
Call me if you ever need a friend

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 music minister 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: How shall we love the Lord our God who has poured out such love upon us?

Many: We shall love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and spirit.

All: Come, let us worship the God who abides with us.

OPENING PRAYER

One: O Jerusalem, I am with you.

If you love me – keep my commandments

And I will give you an advocate

The Spirit of truth

To be forever with you.

O people,

Hear me when I say...

Many: Peace I leave with you.

My peace I give to you.

One: O Jerusalem,

you will not see me in a little while

But you will live, because I live.

You will not be orphaned,

For one day, you will know me,

And know that I am in my Father,

And you are in me,

And I in you.

O people,

Hear me when I say...

Many: Peace I leave with you.

My peace I give to you.

One: Jerusalem...

City for whom I weep – Listen to my voice.

People whom I love – Keep my commandments

Welcome the spirit that I send.

For I am going away,

and I am coming to you.

O people,

Hear me when I say...

Many: Peace I leave with you.

My peace I give to you.

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 those on the margins,
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

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts
of bread and juice. Let them be for us the body and blood of Christ so that
we may be for the world the body of Christ, liberated by his witness,
passion and life. Be with us, Holy Spirit, fill us so you can move through us.
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

Peace, Love and Understanding

Nick Lowe



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

John 14:15-21

MEDITATION

The Advocate

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Peace I Ask of Thee O River

Glendora Gosling and Viola Wood

**Peace I ask of thee o river, peace, peace, peace.
When I learn to live serenely, cares will cease.
From the hills I gather courage, visions of the days to be,**

**Strength to lead and faith to follow, all is given unto me.
Peace I ask of thee o river, peace, peace, peace.**

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 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 May 9, 2026

Saturday	5/9/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/10/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	5/11/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	5/12/26	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	5/13/26	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Board (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	5/14/26	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back AA (J)
Friday	5/15/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	5/16/26	4:30 pm	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.
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