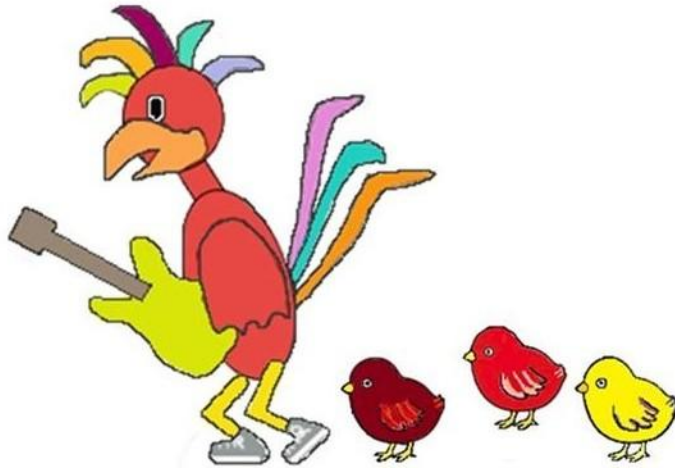


# It's Saturday



## Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE,  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 23, 2026

4:30 p.m.

**Pentecost**

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

Acts 2:1-4

# 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

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Green #439

### ***Refrain***

**Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.**

**Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,  
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,  
I asked my Lord if all were mine.**

### ***Refrain***

**O Jordan river is chilly and cold,  
it chills the body, not the soul.  
There's only one train upon this track;  
it runs to heaven, then right back.**

### ***Refrain***

**O I have heartache and I have woe,  
and I have trouble here below.  
But while God leads me, I'll never fear,  
for I am sheltered by God's care.**

### ***Refrain***

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

The Spirit descends like a dove,  
bringing peace to unite the world  
in a just and caring community.

**The Spirit comes like a breath,  
bringing life to renew the people of God.**

The Spirit spreads like fire,  
bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

**Spirit of the living God,  
come to us and transform our lives by your power.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Whirlwind Spirit of God,  
Roar through our timidities and fears,  
Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities,  
Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy,  
Blow down the walls that separate us, one from another.  
Then into all our empty spaces, breathe  
re-strengthened courage to challenge injustice,  
renewed belief in the urgency of our vocation,  
revitalized passion to change our lifestyles,  
re-dedication to speak only words that build and unite.**

Let gentle breeze and still small voice  
become in us today  
mighty wind and loud proclamation.  
Make of us a Pentecost people!  
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

Come to this table  
Where bread and cup are transformed by the Spirit of God  
Into a meal of love and grace  
A supper of visions and dreams  
A table where all souls are welcome.

#### 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

Loving God,  
On this day of Pentecost  
When we celebrate the breath of the Spirit coming upon the disciples  
We invite the Spirit to come upon these elements.

God of winds, pour out your Spirit to make the elements come alive for us.  
Make this meal awaken our sleepy hearts and stagnant souls.

May this time of eating and drinking be one  
where we stir from our sadness and rise from our hopelessness.

May we begin to celebrate visions  
And animate the dreams that have only been alive in our minds.

As we share this meal,  
Let us remember our siblings in faith who came to this table

In decades and centuries past  
And our children who will surround this table in the future.  
Each generation uniquely celebrates your presence, Spirit of Life. 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

**Spirit of God, who fed the multitudes, provided the manna in the wilderness, and blessed the elements, we give great thanks for the meal eaten and the company surrounding us.  
Inspire us as we move forward this day and encourage us to transform our dreams into reality. Amen.**

#### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

A Ring of Fire

Johnny Cash



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Acts 2:1-21

MEDITATION

Pentecost Dreams

Rev. Christie Burns

## GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

James Manley

### *Refrain*

**Spirit, spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness, calling and free,  
Spirit, spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
And over the eons you called to each thing.  
“Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings.”**

### *Refrain*

**You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
The you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
And down in the city you called once again,  
When you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

### *Refrain*

WORDS OF SENDING

A banner with the text "Love God." in a large, black, serif font, set against a background of a green field and a yellow sky.

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 May 23, 2026**

<b>Saturday</b>	5/23/26	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	5/24/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	5/25/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> AA (J) AA (J)
<b>Tuesday</b>	5/26/26	8:00 am-3:00 pm 11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm	Preschool Parent Conferences (G) Choir Rehearsal (M) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
<b>Wednesday</b>	5/27/26	8:00 am-3:00 pm 9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	Preschool Parent Conferences (G) FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	5/28/26	8:00 am-3:00 pm 10:00 am 5:00 pm 5:00 pm	Preschool Parent Conferences (G) Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) FS Open House AA (M)
<b>Friday</b>	5/29/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	5/30/26	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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Care for the poor.

**Forgive often.**

*Reject racism.*

**Fight for the powerless.**

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**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

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

