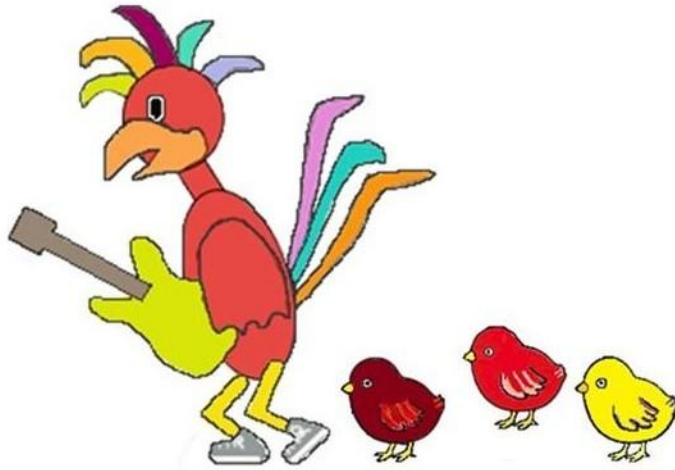


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 30, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Rest is Holy

Heaven and Earth were finished, down to the last detail.

By the seventh day God had finished his work.

On the seventh day he rested from all his work.

God blessed the seventh day. He made it a Holy Day

Because on that day he rested from his work, all the creating God had done.

This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and Earth when they were created.

Genesis 2:2-4

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

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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

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: O Holy One, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: We admire the work of your hands in awe and thanksgiving!

One: O Holy One, our Redeemer, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: Who are we that you come to us, empower us, and give us rest?

One: O Holy One, our Companion, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Many: Let us worship the Triune God with honor and glory! How majestic are your many names in all the earth!

OPENING PRAYER

Voice, Body, Spirit, we acknowledge your presence gathering us together as your church. Today, we join in worship. May we encounter you anew. We find a good place in you and with one another. You have made us in your image and enabled us to be in community with you, O God, as people called to service, justice, and caretaking. Let your name be praised. Let us receive your word. Let us embrace and live your truth. 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 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

In the time of Jesus, sharing a meal with others was never a casual matter. But Jesus welcomed everyone – when he sat at table with all those society pushed to the margins,

the ill, the tax collectors, those condemned as sinners, he proclaimed that God's care knows no bounds. This is what we do – welcome everyone!

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

We thank you, God, that you have provided for all the worlds that ever were or will be by giving yourself to them in love. If we go to the height of the mountains, or if we make the grave our bed, you are with us. If we go to the depths of the sea, your right hand holds us fast. We thank you for Jesus, your Word, who lived among us, uncovering your presence. We thank you that you stamped his death with victory, and that Life, not death, has the final word. We ask now that you bless us, as we share this bread and cup, that we might be nourished by the same unbounded love and so be encouraged to be your servants in the world. 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

Imagine

John Lennon



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Genesis 1:1-2:4

MEDITATION

Rest is Holy

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Peace Train

Cat Stevens

**Now I've been happy lately, thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be, something good has begun**

**Oh I've been smiling lately, dreaming about the world as one
And I believe it could be, some day it's going to come**

**Cause out on the edge of darkness, there rides a peace train
Oh peace train take this country, come take me home again**

**Now I've been smiling lately, thinking about the good things to come
And I believe it could be, something good has begun**

**Oh peace train sounding louder
Glide on the peace train
Come on now peace train
Yes, peace train holy roller**

**Everyone jump upon the peace train
Come on now peace train**

**Get your bags together, go bring your good friends too
Cause it's getting nearer, it soon will be with you**

**Now come and join the living, it's not so far from you
And it's getting nearer, soon it will all be true**

**Now I've been crying lately, thinking about the world as it is
Why must we go on hating, why can't we live in bliss**

**Cause out on the edge of darkness, there rides a peace train
Oh peace train take this country, come take me home again**

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 May 30, 2026

Saturday	5/30/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	5/31/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	6/1/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	6/2/26	11:00 am 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (J) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) WITS at Pastor Christie's
Wednesday	6/3/26	9:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	6/4/26	5:00 pm 5:30 pm	AA (J) Family School 50 th Gala Committee (G)
Friday	6/5/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
Saturday	6/7/26	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**

