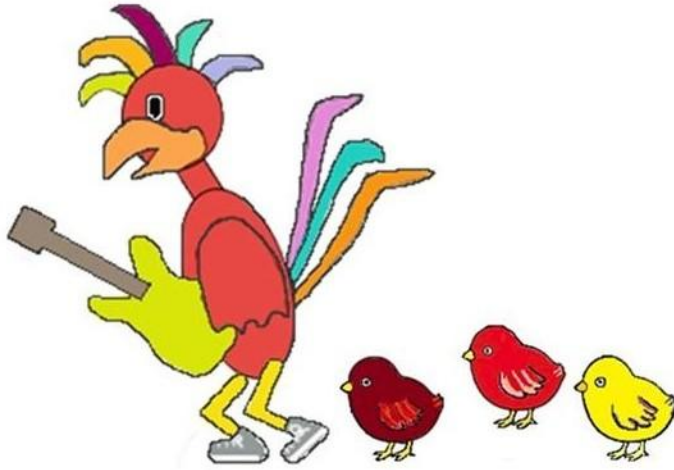


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 12, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Welcome Back!

"Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea and God, with a terrific east wind all night long, made the sea go back. He made the sea dry ground. The seawaters split.

"The Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground with the waters a wall to the right and to the left." Exodus 14:21-25

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

**I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

WELCOME

Pastor Christie

One: Welcome back, 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: Welcome back from all the many spaces and places you have been. Welcome back from beaches and boating, working long hours and caring for children and partners. Welcome back whether you are feeling energized or weary.

Many: We come with hope and a desire to build community together.

One: We have missed being together in worship.

Many: We rejoice that we can sing and pray, take communion and join together to renew our bodies, minds and spirits.

OPENING PRAYER

God, we recommit ourselves to loving, to learning, and to following the ministry of Jesus so that we can be modern day disciples. May you encourage and strengthen us when we get discouraged. Comfort us when we are lonely. Stand beside us when we grieve losses of all kinds. Help us to wonder, to be curious and to be hopeful. Help us connect more deeply with ourselves, and with others, knowing that we need each other to make it through. And we need You, merciful and gracious God. Help us to feel that we are never alone for You accompany and guide us in all the times of our lives. We thank you God, for bringing us together again. 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 FOR CELEBRATIONS

SPECIAL SING ALONG SONG Jesus is the Rock

Larry Noman

Refrain

Jesus is the Rock and He rolls my blues away

(bop shoe bop, shoe bop, whoo!) 3x

When you're out on the street and you really feel down and low

When you're out on the street 'cause there's nowhere else to go

When you're out on the street, well, Jesus gonna save your soul, cause

Refrain

When you wake up in the mornin' and the sky ain't bright and blue

When you wake up in the mornin' and the big world's after you

When you wake up in the mornin', yeah, Jesus gonna pull you through, cause

Refrain

When you look in the mirror and your face causes it to crack

When you make it through your day, but you feel like you've been attacked

Well Jesus gonna love you and now baby, that's a fact, cause

Refrain

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 WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Welcome Back

John Sebastian

Reject racism.

SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Exodus 14:19-31

MEDITATION

Welcome Back! The Road to Freedom

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

What a Wonderful World

Theile/Weiss

I see trees of green
Red roses too
I see them bloom
For me and you

And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue
And clouds of white
The bright blessed day
The dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow
So pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces
Of people going by
I see friends shaking hands
Saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying
I love you

I hear babies cry
I watch them grow
They'll learn much more
Than I'll ever know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Ooh, yes

WORDS OF SENDING



Love God.

SONG OF SENDING

Go in peace
Go in kindness
Go in love
Go in faith
Leave the day
The day behind us

Go in Peace

Sam Baker

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
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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.

Our “Saturday School” is underway, a special class for our children and youth, held over in Jenkins Hall, led by Pastor Reed and Cassie Estey, 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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Reed Baer, Pastor and Teacher
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Christine Burns, Associate Pastor
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The Week of September 12, 2026

Saturday	9/12/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/13/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/14/26	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/15/26	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	9/16/26	9:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) AA (J)
Thursday	9/17/26	10:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due Bible Study Binder Prep (J) Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) Finance (G) Webb/Jenkins Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Friday	9/18/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) Webb/Jenkins Wedding (M) AA (J) Cape Cod & The American Revolution (M)
Saturday	9/19/26	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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