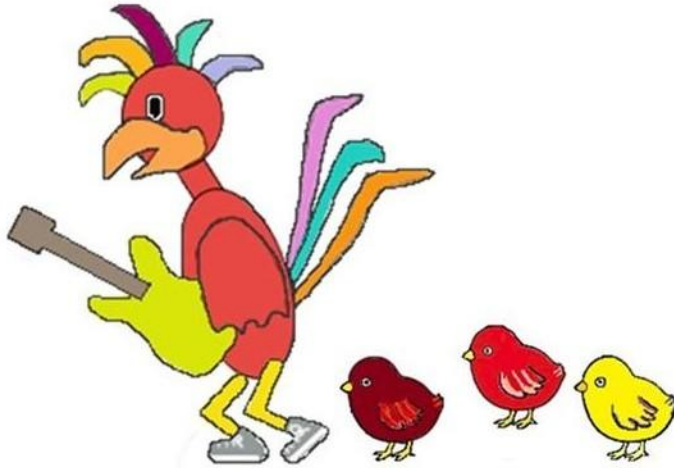


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

October 3, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Is God with Us?

"Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you." Matthew 21:31

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

Here I Am, Lord

Charles Schutte

**I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save**

**I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save**

Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them

Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord
Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord
If You lead me
I will hold Your people in my heart
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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: This week has been filled with joys and sorrows.

Many: We have come here with burdens on our hearts.

One: God, who hears our cries, will offer us healing love.

Many: Thanks be to God for such generous compassion.

One: Open our hearts to God's infinite mercy.

Many: We open our spirits to receive God's love for us. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, open our eyes to see the beauty in each person we meet. Help us freely share your love with all your creations. We give thanks for beautifying your creation and for making a diverse world. Help us to be kind, compassionate, and loving to all. We thank you, O Lord, for allowing us to grow in our welcome and learn about other cultures as we share your amazing grace and love with each other and the world. 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

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

**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 What if God Was One of Us?

Joan Osborne

Reject racism.

MEDITATION

Is God with Us?

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

Can't Find My Way Home" by Steve Winwood

**Come down off your throne and leave your body alone
Somebody must change
You are the reason I've been waiting so long
Somebody holds the key**

**But I'm near the end and I just ain't got the time
And I'm tired and I can't find my way home**

**Come down on your own and leave your body alone
Somebody must change
You are the reason I've been waiting all these years
Somebody holds the key**

**But I'm near the end and I just ain't got the time
And I'm tired and I can't find my way home**

WORDS OF SENDING

Love God.

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
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The Week of October 4, 2026

Saturday	10/10/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	10/4/26	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	10/5/26	3:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Foundation (G) AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	10/6/26	4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA(J) WITS (Pastor Christie's)
Wednesday	10/7/26	9:00 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study Lunch Group (G) Bible Study (G & Z) FS Faculty (G) AA (J)
Thursday	10/8/26	8:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast (Jack's Out Back) Rooster Crows Creative Crafters (J) Finance (G) AA (J)
Friday	10/9/26	9:00 am 10:00 am 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) AA Cookout (Lawn)
Saturday	10/10/26	4:30 pm	Worship

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

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 children and teens, 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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