

***It's Saturday***



# ***Let's Do Church!***

**WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**March 8, 2025**

**4:30 p.m.**

## ***In the Wilderness***

*Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wild.*

*For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil.*

*He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry.*

**Luke 4:1-13**

**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

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*

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 director of music 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 (based on Psalm 91)

Are you restless and unsettled? This place is for you.

**Let us worship God!**

Are you hungry for love and hope? This place is for you.

**Let us worship God!**

Are you searching for direction? This place is for you.

**Let us worship God!**

Do you have love to share? This place is for you.

**Let us worship God together!**

UNISON PRAYER

**Gracious God, you hold us, but in times of stress, we fear that we are all alone. We hunger for easy comfort, even knowing that our appetite will return. We aim for power over uncertainty, forgetting that control is an illusion. Forgive us for choosing distraction to escape from chaos. Bring our focus back to you, to your word, your presence, and your child Jesus. 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.

RESPONSIVE INVITATION

One: I believe that bread comes from grain  
that grows in the wind  
and the rain  
with the farmers' help  
far from the eyes of city folk.

**Many: I believe that bread comes from love  
the love of God  
the love of the farmer  
the love of the baker's hands  
the love of those who bring it to me.**

One: I believe that bread can be  
and should be broken  
and shared  
and given to all persons  
until all have enough  
and then some.

**Many: I believe that Jesus loved bread  
and took it  
and broke it  
and blessed it  
and fed his disciples  
and asked them to feed us forever.**

One: I believe enough in bread  
to want it from Jesus  
to want it to nurture me  
to want his life through it  
to want to give life through it.

**Many: I believe that his body as bread feeds me  
and as part of his body  
I want to be bread for others.  
I believe the Spirit will help me  
as well Jesus' people. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

## THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER

### UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we thank you that you have called your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. Keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure – that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

Hard Times Come Again No More

Mavis Staples



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Luke 4:1-13

MEDITATION

In the Wilderness

Rev. Christie Burns

### GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

I Danced in the Morning

Green #206

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.**

***Refrain***

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,  
they came with me and the Dance went on.

*Refrain*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
and left me there on a cross to die.

*Refrain*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black,  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the Dance and I still go on.

*Refrain*

They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Refrain*

WORDS OF SENDING



SONG OF SENDING

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

Go In Peace

Sam Baker

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 March 8, 2025**

<b>Saturday</b>	3/8/25	4:30 pm	Worship
<b>Sunday</b>	3/9/25	10:00 am 4:30 pm	Worship AA (J)
<b>Monday</b>	3/10/25	10:15 am 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	FS Classes (J) AA (J) Meetinghouse Farm (G)
<b>Tuesday</b>	3/11/25	9:15 am 11:00 am 4:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Science (G) Choir Rehearsal (J) 1717 Meetinghouse Foundation(G) Bell Choir (M) AA (J) W. Barnstable Festival Committee (G)
<b>Wednesday</b>	3/12/25	9:15 am 4:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) FS Board (G & Z) AA (J)
<b>Thursday</b>	3/13/25	8:00 am 5:00 pm	Men's Breakfast at Jack's Out Back AA (J)
<b>Friday</b>	3/14/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Knitting Group (G) AA (J)
<b>Saturday</b>	3/15/25	4:30 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Nightingale Ensemble (M)

**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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**Love God.**

**Enjoy this life.**

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

