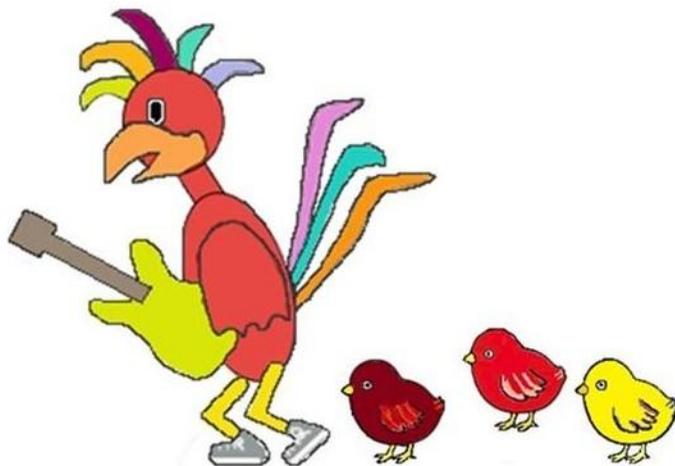


It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

September 13, 2025

4:30 p.m.

For Such a Time as This

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." Esther 4: 15

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

"Peaceful Easy Feeling"

The Eagles

I like the way your sparkling earrings lay
Against your skin so brown.
And I wanna sleep with you in the desert tonight
With a billion stars all around.

'Cause I got a peaceful easy feeling.
And I know you won't let me down
'Cause I'm already standing on the ground.

And I found out a long time ago
What a woman can do to your soul.
Oh, but she can't take you anyway,
You don't already know how to go.

And I got a peaceful easy feeling.
And I know you won't let me down
'Cause I'm already standing on the ground.

I get this feeling I may know you
As a lover and a friend.
But this voice keeps whispering in my other ear,
Tells me I may never see you again.

'Cause I get a peaceful easy feeling.
And I know you won't let me down
'Cause I'm already standing
I'm already standing
Yes, I'm already standing on the ground

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, with 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

One: Sometimes we wonder how we have gotten through some difficult situations.

Many: God has been with us, lifting and comforting our spirits.

One: We struggle and worry.

Many: God's loving presence sustains and strengthens us.

One: Listen for God's call to you.

Many: Lord, we are listening and seeking your guidance. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, give us courage for the living of these days. Hold us up as we go through the difficult times as well as the good days. Remind us that we are never alone and walk with us through all the days of our lives. 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, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
Stay with us for the day is ending,
With friend, with stranger,
With young and with old,
Be among us tonight,
Come close to us that we may forgive one another.
Renew us so that, where we have failed,
We may begin again. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

O God of mystery, we confess that more than deep questions, we love easy answers; explaining away miracles, disarming the Good News, we domesticate your wild ways. Teach us to love our questions, O God. Teach us to struggle with faith. Teach us to live with your holy mysteries. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER

Among friends, gathered around a table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying, "This is my body which is given for you." In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take it and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming kingdom of God."

So now, following Jesus' example, we take this bread and this wine; the ordinary things of the world through which God will bless us. And as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, let us also celebrate God's Goodness.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all are invited to partake of the table of Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG

“What a Wonderful World”

Louis Armstrong:



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE

Esther 4

POEM

Blessing for when the world is ending

Jan L Richardson

MEDITATION

For Such a Time as This

Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG

"I Can See Clearly Now"

Johnny Nash

**I can see clearly now, the rain has gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone are the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day**

**I think I can make it now, the pain has gone
All of the bad feelings have disappeared**

**Here is that rainbow I've been praying for
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day**

**Look all around, there's nothing but blue sky
Look straight ahead, nothing but blue sky**

**I can see clearly now, the rain has gone
I can see all obstacles in my way
Gone're the dark clouds that had me blind
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day
It's gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day
Gonna be a bright, bright sun-shining day
Gonna be a bright, bright, bright sun-shining day**

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 Cassie Estey, during the last 20 minutes of the service. We can always use an extra pair of hands. If you are 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 of September 13, 2025

Saturday	9/13/25	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	9/14/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Worship AA (J)
Monday	9/15/25	5:00 pm 7:00 pm	AA (J) AA (J)
Tuesday	9/16/25	9:00 am 11:00 am 3:30 pm 4:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	FS Enrichment (J) Christie's Coffee Hours at Nirvana Finance (G) Bell Choir Rehearsal (M) AA (J) FS Parent Association (G) Choir Rehearsal (M)
Wednesday	9/17/25	9:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Bible Study (G & Z) AA (J)
Thursday	9/18/25	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Rooster Crows Articles Due Creative Crafters (J) AA (J)
Friday	9/19/25	9:00 am 10:00 am 1:00 pm 5:00 pm	FS Science (J) Knitting Group (G) Wedding Rehearsal (M) AA (J)
Saturday	9/20/25	2:00 pm 4:30 pm	Rosado/Ruiz Wedding (M) Worship

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

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Protect the environment.

Care for the poor.

Forgive often.

Reject racism.

Fight for the powerless.

Share earthly and spiritual resources.

Embrace diversity.

Love God.

Enjoy this life.

God is still speaking,

**UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST**

