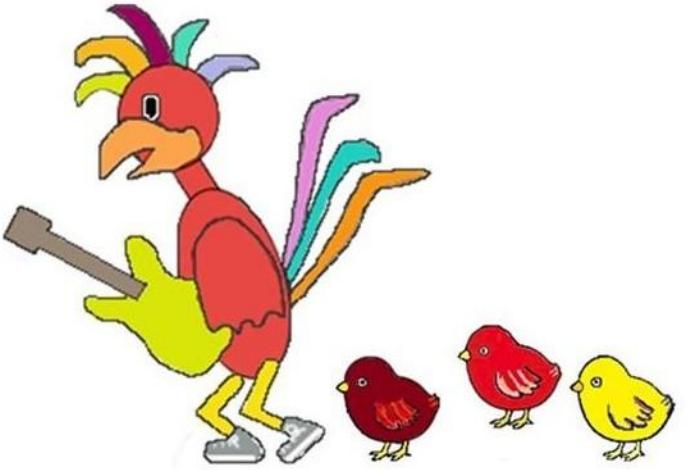
It's Saturday



Let's Do Church!

WEST PARISH OF BARNSTABLE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

November 14, 2026 4:30 p.m.

Matthew 25 Christians

Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'
Matthew 25: 37-40



OUR STATEMENT OF WELCOME

We are:
PROGRESSIVELY UNTRADITIONAL: 21st century minds in a 1717 Meetinghouse!



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 This Land Is Your Land Woody Guthrie

This land is your land, this land is my land
From California to the New York island,
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters;
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley;
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding;
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling,
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting:
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking I saw a sign there,
And on the sign it said "No Trespassing."
But on the other side it didn't say nothing.
That side was made for you and me.

In the shadow of the steeple I saw my people,
By the relief office I seen my people;
As they stood there hungry, I stood there asking
Is this land made for you and me?

Nobody living can ever stop me,
As I go walking that freedom highway;
Nobody living can ever make me turn back
This land was made for you and me.

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, Cassie Estey and Autumn Shaw are our Saturday School teachers 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: We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:
Many: where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.
One: We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:

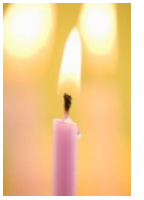
Many: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.
One: We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:
Many: where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

OPENING PRAYER
Holy God, by your Word and Spirit,
come and transform your church
to be a living sign of your love for the world —
where the poor are filled with good things,
the dividing walls are broken down,
and the dead are raised to new life;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.



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 11.



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.

THE PEACE Iona Community
As the bread we shall break was scattered through fields and
hills before being gathered to become one,
so, may we and all people be gathered from the ends of the
earth into Christ's Kingdom.

May the peace of Christ be with you.
and also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace.

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.
Let us give thanks to God

It is right to give both thanks and praise.

THE STORY BEHIND THE LAST SUPPER
Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
and having blessed it,
he broke the bread
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
This is my body, given to 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 this and share it.
I shall drink wine with you next
in the coming Kingdom of God.

The Lord be with you:
and also with you.
We offer you praise, dear God,
and hearts lifted high,
for in the communion of your love

UNISON PRAYER
Christ comes close to us
and we come close to Christ.
Therefore, with the whole realm of nature around us,
with earth, sea and sky, we glorify your holy name.
Hear us, O Christ,
and breathe your Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and wine.
May they become for us your body,
vibrant with your life,
healing, renewing and making us whole.
And as the bread and wine 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. Amen.

Invitation to Communion
Look, the Body of Christ is broken
for the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and in wine.
The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come for all things have been made ready.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
God of peace,
Whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the Kingdom
And restored the broken to wholeness of life:
Look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
And by your healing power
Make whole both people and nations;
Through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. AMEN.

THE WORD OF GOD IS PROCLAIMED



SPECIAL SONG Hard Times Come Again No More Stephen Foster



SACRED WORDS FOR SACRED SPACE Matthew 25:31-46

MEDITATION Matthew 25 Christians Rev. Christie Burns

GOD SENDS US FORTH



CLOSING SONG For Everyone Born Shirley Erena Murray

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.

Chorus
and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair,

Chorus

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

Chorus

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live.

Chorus

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free.

Chorus

WORDS OF SENDING

Go out into the world with your eyes wide open. Do not look for Christ only in the quiet spaces or the holy places, but look for Him in the margins, in the brokenness, and in the faces of those the world overlooks.

Remember that our faith is not defined by what we say, but by how we love. Feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and visit the lonely. In every act of quiet mercy and loud justice, you are serving the Christ the King.

Depart in peace, be courageous, and serve the Lord with gladness. Amen.



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.

The Week of November 14, 2026

Saturday	11/14/26	4:30 pm	Worship
Sunday	11/15/26	10:00 am	Worship
		5:00 pm	AA (J)
Monday	11/16/26	all day	Greens (J)
		4:00 pm	Council (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (M)
		7:00 pm	AA (M)
Tuesday	11/17/26	all day	Greens (J)
		8 am – 2 pm	Pre-K Conferences (G)
		11:00 am	Christie's Coffee Hours at the Old Village Store
		4:30 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal (M)
		5:00 pm	AA (M)
		7:00 pm	WITS at Pastor Christie's
Wednesday	11/18/26	all day	Greens (J)
		8 am – 2 pm	Pre-K Conferences (G)
		12:30 pm	Bible Study Lunch Group (G)
		1:00 pm	Bible Study (G)
		5:00 pm	AA (M)
Thursday	11/19/26		Rooster Crows Articles Due
		all day	Greens (J)
		all day	Jewelry Room (G)
Friday	11/20/26		**Rooster Crows Set Up Day**
Saturday	11/21/26	9 am – 2 pm	**Rooster Crows Fair**
		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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