

FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD, UCC

Growing Faith + Sharing Love + Grounding Lives



We are an Open & Affirming Church

First Parish of Westwood affirms the dignity and worth of every person regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, family structure, education level, economic circumstance and faith or religious tradition.

April 3, 2022

COVID Protocols

Our Covid protocols have been updated as of March 8, 2022.

[Click here](#) for the letter from Pastor JT with protocol information

Other information about return to in person worship

There is Sunday School today.

Nursery coverage is not available until after vaccines for children under the age of five become available. Look for updates in future emails.

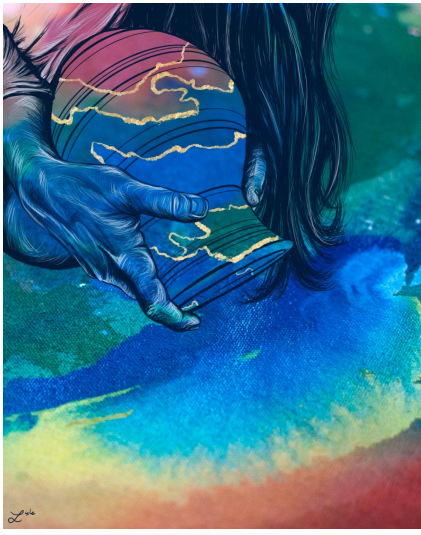


Image: Brazen Beauty by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

Inspired by John 12:1-8 This image began as a painting on raw canvas. With fluid strokes of paint, I allowed the colors to run and bleed into each other. As I drew Mary kneeling, I omitted the other details in the scene, removing Jesus' feet, the other guests, the table full of food. I wanted to focus on Mary's brazen act of pouring out the expensive perfume, a commodity valued at a year's worth of wages. The luxurious liquid is expansive, flowing out toward us as the viewer. It bleeds into the red, foreshadowing the blood Jesus will soon shed. The vessel she holds is lined with gold, a reference to the ancient Japanese practice of Kintsugi, of repairing broken pottery with gold lacquer. The art of Kintsugi embellishes the cracks and transforms a shattered vessel into a new object of beauty. In this embodied act of worship, Mary is practicing Kintsugi—boldly celebrating the beauty of life even as death approaches.

—Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Join us for an in-person worship service w/Communion today at 10am

Note: Children will go to Sunday School first and then join worship for Communion

Please join us in person or on Facebook for a live-streamed service at 10am.

This service will also be available for viewing on Facebook and YouTube* after the service is concluded. To access the service via Facebook page, please [click here](#). You do not need a Facebook account to do this. Anyone viewing the service who has a Facebook account is invited to LIKE and SHARE the service.

*To access worship via YouTube: Go to YouTube on a Smart TV or do a Google search for YouTube on your phone or laptop. Once in YouTube, search First Parish Westwood. The live stream of a service Sunday morning or recordings of past services should appear on your screen.

For the service bulletin, please [click here](#).

One Great Hour of Sharing

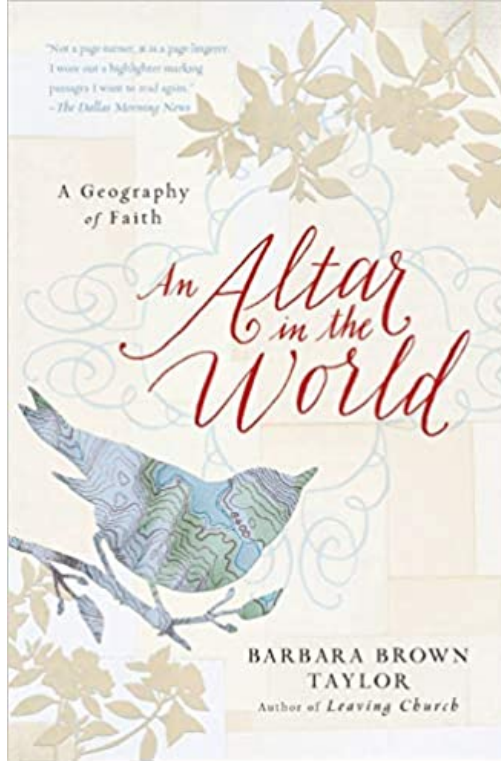
As an extension of the One Great Hour of Sharing, last Sunday the youth completed a service project. Together, they assembled 10 Church World Service hygiene kits. Through these kits, our youth are sharing their love and bringing hope to people in our world.



Lent Reading and Book Discussion - *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor

During the Lent season, everyone is invited to read and participate in a book discussion of *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Taylor's book is an exploration of encountering God in our everyday lives. "Something as



ordinary as hanging clothes on a clothesline becomes an act of meditation if we pay attention to what we're doing and take time to notice the sights, smells, and sounds around us."

The book discussions will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm over Zoom, starting Tuesday, March 8 and ending in Holy Week on Tuesday, April 12. Two chapters will be discussed each week.

This coming week the discussion will be about Chapters 9 and 10.



Holy Week - April 10-17

Palm Sunday - April 10

*10am Worship with Palm Procession

Mundy Thursday - April 14

6:30pm Meal of Soup & Bread in Gathering Hall

*7:30pm Tenebrae in Sanctuary

Easter Sunday - April 17

7am (Almost) Sunrise Service on Patio

*10am Easter Celebration with special coffee hour and Easter Egg Hunt.

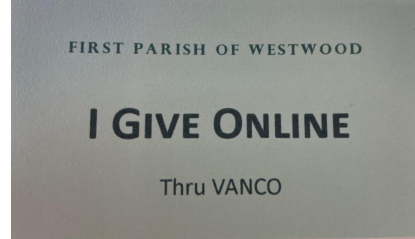
There are sign-ups in the church lobby and online for the following:

- Maundy Thursday Dinner - sign-up to attend
 - [Click here](#)
- (Almost) Sunrise Service - sign-up to attend
 - [Click here](#)
- Easter Sunday Coffee Hour - sign-up for food donations
 - [Click here](#)

Church Offerings

For all who now fulfill their pledges online, we have "I give online" cards (see photo) in the pews so you can place a card in the offering plate to show your participation. Contact

asst_treasurer@firstparishwestwood.org if you are interested in giving online.



Important Dates at a Glance

April

- April 10 - Palm Sunday Worship @ 10am
- April 15 - Maundy Thursday
 - 6:30pm Simple Dinner
 - 7:30pm Tenebrae Service w/communion
- April 17 - Easter Sunday Worship
 - (Almost) Sunrise Service @ 7am on the patio w/communion
 - Intergenerational Service @ 10am w/communion
 - Easter Egg Hunt following worship
- April 18 - Monday, Patriot's Day - Office Closed
- April 18 - 22 - School Vacation Week
- April 24 - Sunday Worship @ 10am

May

- May 1 - Sunday Worship w/communion @ 10am
- May 8 - Mother's Day/Sunday Worship @ 10am. Guest preacher - Rev. Alex Shea Will, Area Conference Minister
- May 14 - Saturday, First Parish Yard Sale 9am-1pm
- May 15 - Sunday Worship @ 10am
- May 22 - Sunday Worship @ 10am
- May 29 - Sunday Worship @ 10am
- May 30 - Monday, Memorial Day - Office Closed



Coffee Hour Sign-Ups

Please click this [link](#) to see what dates are available to sign-up as coffee hour host(s) and enter your name to host. Thank you.



Office Hours

- Mondays - The church administrator will not be in on 4/4
 - Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm
 - Wednesdays 9am - 1pm
- Contact the church office at office@firstparishwestwood.org or call 781.326.5344.

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