

# 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.*

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## **February 20, 2022**

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## **COVID Protocols**

**COVID Protocols:** As we return to in-person worship today, it is requested that KN-95 or N-95 masks be worn. We will have a supply on hand if needed.

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## **Other information about return to in person worship**

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, March 13th.

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

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"Let all things be done  
for building up."  
1 Corinthians 14:26 NRSV



## Join us for an in person, intergenerational worship service today at 10am

Please join us in person or on Facebook for a live-streamed service at 10am. In addition to Pastor JT leading us in worship, Marge Eramo is today's lay reader and Barb Delisle and Pam Kane are ushers. Doug Hyde will oversee the live streaming and our choir returns with Sarah Tocco as our choir director and musician today.

**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](#).**

NOTE: If you are not able to attend worship but you wish to share expressions of gratitude from the past week or joys/concerns during worship, please contact the church office via email prior to the start of worship at 10am.

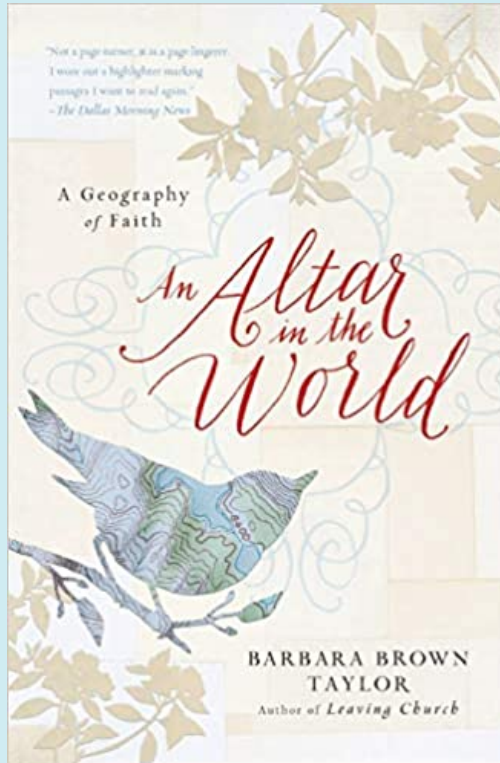


## Thoughts and Prayers

Prayers are requested for Jim Worth as he deals with a health issue.

## Lent Devotionals

Our Lenten theme is *Full to the Brim*, brought to us by A Sanctified Art, the people that also brought our Advent theme. This theme addresses that desire for a closer and deeper connection to God. As the creators of the theme wrote, "Full to the Brim is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed." ***Sets of Daily Devotional Cards and a Devotional Booklet created by A Sanctified Art for the upcoming season***



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

During the upcoming 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." Our book group will meet on Tuesday evenings over Zoom, starting March 8 and ending in Holy Week, April 12. Two chapters will be discussed each week.

*An Altar in the World* can be purchased on Amazon [click here](#) or the church can supply a copy to you for a suggested donation of \$10. **Please contact the church office by Sunday, February 27 if you would like to have the church order the book for you.**



## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

Starting on Sunday, March 6, we will resume in person coffee hour after worship. We will have light snacks (prepackaged), coffee and juice available.

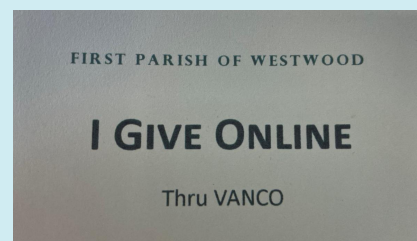
What we need to make this happen are volunteer hosts to get the coffee brewed, put out the snacks and other beverages and clean up at the end.

Here are the Sundays in March. Please contact the church office if you are available to help out. No prior experience required!!!

March 6 \_\_ Mary Masi-Phelps \_\_\_\_\_  
March 13 \_\_\_\_\_  
March 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
March 27 \_\_\_\_\_

## 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](mailto:asst_treasurer@firstparishwestwood.org) if you are interested in giving online.





## Important Dates at a Glance

### February

- Feb. 20-27 - School Vacation Week
- Feb. 21, Mon - President's Day/Office Closed
- Feb. 22, Tues. - Regular office hours resume
- Feb. 27 - Sunday Worship in person @ 10am

### March

- Mar 2, Wed - Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent
- March 13 - Sunday Worship
  - Return to Daylight Saving Time @ 2am



## Office Hours

Normal business hours resume starting Tuesday, February 22nd.

Mondays 9am - 1pm

Tuesdays 1pm - 3pm

Wednesdays 9am - 1pm

Contact the church office at

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call 781.326.5344.

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