

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.

February 24, 2022

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.

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.



Join us for an in person, intergenerational worship service Sunday, February 27 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, Amie Colcord is today's lay reader and Charlie Domina and Pete 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 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.



Thoughts and Prayers

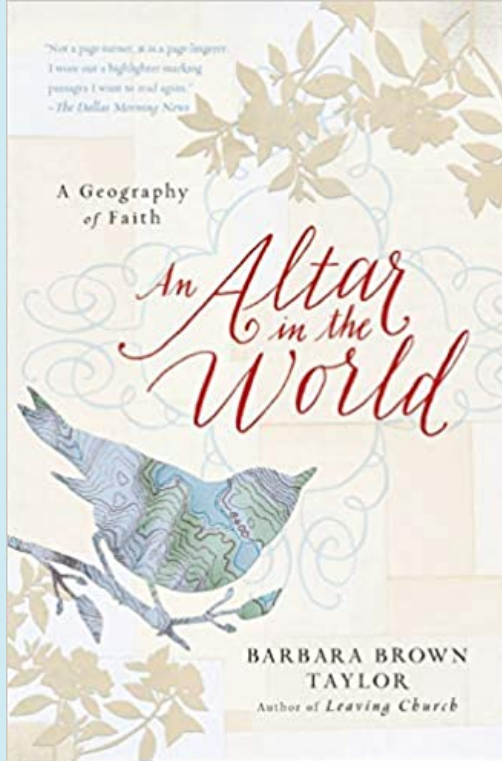
It is with great sadness we share the news of Jim Worth's passing. Jim leaves his beloved wife, Barb, and their cherished daughter, Leah. A memorial service will be held at First Parish on Monday, February 28 at 2PM.

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 of Lent are available in the church lobby.***

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 via email 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.

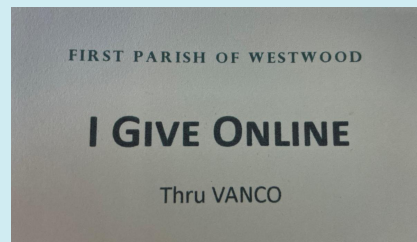
What we need to make this happen are volunteer hosts to get the coffee brewed, put out the snacks and other beverages and clean up at the end.

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 if you are interested in giving online.



Important Dates at a Glance

February

- Feb. 27 - Sunday Worship in person @



10am

March

- Mar 2, Wed - Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent
- Mar. 6 - Sunday Worship in person @ 10am
- March 13 - Sunday Worship in person @ 10am
 - 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 office@firstparishwestwood.org or call 781.326.5344.

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