

May 8, 2022



# Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*"Brazen Beauty" by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity*

**Worship With Us This Sunday!**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

**Scripture**

John 12:1-6

**Sermon**

*A Beautiful Waste*

The Rev. Julie Emery

10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship  
Link

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989

Any questions, contact Becky Kimberly in the office  
at [office@westpresby.org](mailto:office@westpresby.org).



## *This Week at Westminster*

# Fellowship



- Seeing God in each person
- Actively listening
- Establishing authentic relationships



**LIFT**  
**Sunday,**  
**May 1st**



# Connecticut Foodshare

Our Community, Our Food Bank

Support Foodshare Walk Against Hunger

## Saturday, May 21 in Dunkin' Donuts Park

On Saturday, May 21st in Dunkin' Donuts Park, the 38th annual Foodshare Walk Against Hunger will take place. This is not only Foodshare's largest fundraiser, but has historically been the largest anti-hunger event of its kind in Connecticut. Westminster's Team walks in support of the Loaves & Fishes specifically. All Westminster members, their families and friends are invited to participate by walking (1.5 miles), donating to our team, or both.

If you are interested in walking or donating you can sign up for our team at:

<https://p2p.onecause.com/ctfoodsharewalk/home>

or contact Adam Bender at [bendera9291@gmail.com](mailto:bendera9291@gmail.com) for more information.

You can also give following worship on Sundays May 8 and May 15 when walk participants and supporters will be there collecting donations. All checks should be made out directly to Foodshare.

Onsite registration, entertainment and family activities begin at 8:00 a.m. and the Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Carpool options from Westminster Church will be organized as we get closer to the event and based on participant interest.



**Westminster's Spring Spruce Up**  
**May 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
***Please Note The Change of Date***  
**Lunch at Noon!**

Join us as we spruce up our church grounds and gardens to enjoy this summer. Stay for a barbecue lunch on the Fireside Circle patio and catch up with friends from Westminster.

- **When:** Saturday, May 21, 2022, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (*Please note the change of date.*) Feel free to come at any point during that time and stay for as long as you can. We'll be serving lunch at noon.
- **Where:** Check-in on the patio near the Fireside Circle for specific projects.
- **Who:** EVERYONE! We'll have projects for all ages and ability levels. Even if you're not able to garden, come and socialize.
- **What to wear:** Clothing and shoes that can get dirty.
- **What to bring:** Drinking water, work gloves, gardening tools (list to come), lawn chairs or blanket for lunchtime seating and sunscreen.

We'll be working in the Memorial Garden and other areas that need attention. We'll be raking garden beds, removing weeds and dead brush, cutting back ivy and trimming bushes as needed.

Contact Barbara Riihimaki at [bdriih@gmail.com](mailto:bdriih@gmail.com) or 860.803.9090 with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you May 21!

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### Smiles Wanted!

Since we are finally seeing each other again without facemasks, this is the perfect time to get reacquainted with familiar faces, and to get to know some new faces! To make it easier to match names with faces, Engage would like to update the Westminster photo directory. There are two options for church members to participate.

There are two ways to participate. You can have your photo taken by Nicole Aronson after church during the month of May or you can submit a photo (jpeg file) of yourself/your family via email to [nmachampagne@gmail.com](mailto:nmachampagne@gmail.com). Please provide names for everyone in the photo and ensure that their faces can all be seen clearly.

We need your photos by June 7. Any questions, talk to Duane Grabber at [DuaneGrabber@comcast.net](mailto:DuaneGrabber@comcast.net) or Barbara Riihimaki at [bdriih@gmail.com](mailto:bdriih@gmail.com)

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### A New Creation: *A sermon series on making, mending, and joining in co-creating the Kin-dom of God*

The miracle and mystery of Easter took more than just one day to process. It took time for the disciples to re-member, to look back and then look forward. It took time for the disciples to heal, to mend their community and hearts, to imagine the possibilities that flowed out of Resurrection. For us, too, this season is a time to use our imaginations. To wonder what God is creating within and around us and to co-create with the Spirit already moving here. How can the creative life help us to see God's kin-dom anew? How can we be "makers" of God's New Creation? Join us throughout Eastertide as we journey on the Artist's Way - and use our imaginations to the glory of God!

### Prayers of the People

We pray for those near and far:

- Muriel Sherman as she recovers from a hospital stay and gall

- bladder procedure;
- Nicole Aronson's mother, Louise Champagne, who is struggling with a fractured vertebrae;
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine and all those affected by war and violence, both those still in their country and those who have become refugees. May they and their loved ones be safe in this time of strife;
- Our healthcare workers and for their families;
- All who are sick or struggling with chronic illness in this time. May they be comforted;
- All who are worried for themselves or for the safety of their loved ones. May they find peace in God's presence;
- All those who struggle with mental health issues and depression. May they know God's steadfast love;
- Those who are caring for aging loved ones. May they be heartened and refreshed;
- Communities affected by violence and injustice. May they be sustained and strengthened.

### We celebrate with:

- Yaw Frimpong, husband of Helena Offei, who has arrived from Ghana to live in CT.

### We grieve with:

- Alyssa Kissel's family on the death of her great uncle Jimmy Kelleher. Prayers of comfort for her great aunt Barbara;
- The family of Hyacinth Melville, Yvonne Smith's sister and Diane Smith's aunt who died last Sunday. Prayers of comfort for the family and thanks to God for her life;
- Sally, Jolee and Howard West as they mourn the passing of their husband and father Howard West. A service in Witness to the Resurrection in Howard's honor will be held on Saturday, May 7 at 11:00 a.m.;
- Friends and families of those in recent months who mourn the death of loved ones. May they be comforted.

### We continue to pray for:

Rev. Laura Opsahl; David MacMeekin's brother-in-law, Dan Reinhard; Cale Strober; Max; Dave Wagner; Suzanne Atwood; Billy Calzada; Jon Scoville; Rhoda Bannon; Karen Sprout's sister, Kathryn Johnson; Diane Smith; Jane Sebolt; Sally West; Rev. Julie Emery; Rachel Lloyd's Aunt Katie; Yvonne Smith; El Harp; Doreen Springsteen-Gibbes; Ralph Sundquist; Karen Wagner's friend AJ; Jenna Sheridan's friend, MaryElla; Marissa Torsiello; Stella Madjitey; Barbara Riihimaki's cousin Gordon; Peter Benner; Jen Buffat; and Sara DeGraff's sister.

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