

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, March 4, 2007

A Thought before the Service Begins:

What hymns are sung and praises said
For the home-made miracle of bread?

Louise Untermeyer

(We ask that you turn off the ringers on your cell phones, beepers and electronic devices. Please join us in a time of quiet during the prelude.)

Prelude Little Prelude in C (J. S. Bach)

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Call to Worship Call to Worship (Betty Wylder) - Adult Choir

Welcome and Announcements Terri Ragot

***Hymn** We're Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table #407

Chalice Lighting Owen Shuman

Response Hymn *(please remain seated)*

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of life, come to me, come to me.

A Time for All Generations The Story of Stone Soup

Singing the Children and Teachers to Church School

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go. (repeat)

Candles of Celebration and Concern

You are invited to come forward, light a candle and briefly share a joy or sorrow that has touched your life.

Anthem Gloria In Excelsis Deo, from Mass in B Minor
(J. S. Bach) Adult Choir

Reading from The Basket of Fresh Bread by Rumi,
translated by Coleman Barks

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory From Heaven on High (F. W. Zachau)

***Offertory Response**

Words: Barbara Rich Music: Joshua Rich

Today we give our time
Our compassion, wit and song
Everyday we can choose,
To begin again in love.

We give what we can,
Generous as we can
Opening the doors
To begin again in love.

Sermon A Basket of Fresh Bread on your Head Rev. Kemler

Hymn Break Not the Circle #323

***Benediction (sung)**

As we leave this friendly place,
Love give light to every face.
May the kindness, which we learn,
Light our hearts till we return.

Benediction Response Carry the Flame (Yates, Brown)
Adult Choir

Postlude Trumpet Voluntary (John Bennett)

(Please remain seated during the Postlude. You are also invited to come to the front of the church and light a candle silently during this time. We ask the congregation to remain seated in quiet until the last candle is lit.)

***Please stand as you are able.**

Large Print Hymnals and Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sanctuary doors.

The flowers in church this morning are given by Ibar and Deborah Kelly in celebration of Deborah's birthday.

Greeters: Patrick and Diana Hughes

Ushers: Jim Oehler and Carol Bousquet

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Stone Soup Luncheon