

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

February 8, 2009

A Thought as the Service Begins:

“The Sky and the stars make music to you.
The sun and the moon praise you.
The gods exalt you. The goddesses sing to you.”

*Inscription on a wall of the temple of Hathor,
Dendera Egypt, second century BC*

(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.)

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

Prelude Percussion Improvisation Matt Meyer

Welcome and Announcements Deb Johnson

***Hymn** Wake Now My Senses #298

Chalice Lighting Matt Meyer

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 Dot Peter H. Reynolds

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)

*Spirit Play I & II children have regular church school classes today.
Inquirers, Venturers and Seers stay in service.*

Reading The Idea for the Dot

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.

Reading A History of Music and Justice

Prayer The Tugboat and the Barge

Offertory Percussion Improvisation Matt Meyer

***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 Making our Mark Matt Meyer

***Hymn** We Are the Ones Bernice Johnson Reagon

***Sung Benediction** Carry the Flame
Carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.
Oh, carry the flame of peace and love until we meet again.

Postlude Percussion Improvisation Matt Meyer

(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. Please place your candle toward the back of the candle table. 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. If you don't wish to keep your order of service, please place it one of the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.

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Join us downstairs in the Vestry for good food and conversation immediately following the service! Matt Meyer will hold a Drumming & Spirituality workshop in the East Wing at 11:45 am.

The flowers in church this morning are given in memory of
Kenneth Adwan, father of Susan Hughes,
grandfather of Andy and Sam Hughes.

Greeters: MaryDenise NiConnor, Maeve Kidney

Ushers: Paula Bogdanoff, Diane Blackburn

Fellowship Hour Hosts: June Johnson, Steve Lieman