

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 24, 2009

A Thought as the Service Begins

*Re-member us,
you who are living,
restore us, renew us.
Speak for our silence.
Continue our work.
Bless the breath of life.
Sing of the hidden patterns.
Weave the web of peace.* (Judith Anderson)

(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 Selections from Winnie the Pooh
(Richard and Robert Sherman)

Welcome and Announcements Paul Harter

***Hymn** My Life Flows On In Endless Song #108

Chalice Lighting Patrick Hughes

Response Hymn *(please remain seated)* #123

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.

The Awarding of the Love and Help Emblem to Jon Frey
Rocky Sandy, for the Board of Deacons

A Time for All Generations

Singing the Children and Teachers to Church School
Go now in peace. Go now in peace. #413
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go. (repeat)

Reading from A Twilight Song by Walt Whitman Paul Harter

Speaking of Names

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Allemande from J.S. Bach's Suite for Flute
(in A minor) Paul Funch, flute

***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 The Responsibility of Memory,
The Strength of Hope Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** What Wondrous Love #18

***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 Misty (Erroll Garner)

(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, Sunday Bulletins and Assisted Listening Devices are available at the sanctuary doors. If you don't wish to keep your Sunday Bulletin, please place it one of the recycle baskets at the sanctuary exits.

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Join us downstairs for good food and conversation immediately following the service! All are welcome to join the Small Group Conversation, a quieter alternative to Fellowship Hour, in the first floor library at 11:30 AM.

The flowers in church this morning are given by the NiConnor/Kidney family with gratitude for and in loving memory of Joyce V. Curren and Jane M O'Connor.

Greeters: MaryDenise NiConnor and Maeve Kidney

Ushers: Katharyn and Keith Dawson

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Jim and Jackie Frey

Special thanks to Kurt Staven and Paul Funch for providing the music for today's service.