

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

May 31, 2009

## A Thought as the Service Begins

*Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.  
Do justly, now. Love mercy, now. Walk humbly, now.  
You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are  
you free to abandon it. (from the Talmud)*

*(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** Prelude, Op. 28 #15 (Frederic Chopin)

**Call to Worship** Gathered Her (Philip Porter) Adult Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** Mary Jennings

**\*Hymn** This Little Light of Mine #118

**Chalice Lighting** Betty Keddy

**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.

**A Time for All Generations** Pat Hartvigsen

## 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)

**Anthem** Sunshine In My Soul Adult Choir  
(Sweeney, Hewitt)

**Reading** From the Rio Wani to Medical School:  
A Letter From Miranda Jennings

**Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation**

**Offertory** The Swan (Camille Saint-Saens)

**\*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.

**Reflections** Bless Us With Foolishness Rev. Elea Kemler  
Our Journey Together Toward a More Just and  
Compassionate World  
Kevin Mestrich, Executive Director, Bridges to Community

**\*Hymn** Come and Go With Me #1018

**\*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** Mazurka Op. 7 #1 (Frederic Chopin)

*(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.*

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The flowers in church this morning are given by  
the Mayer Svarczkopf family with grateful hearts for being  
part of this community.

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Greeters: Becky Barth, Pat Hartvigsen

Ushers: Edythe Salzman, Diane Swift

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Laura and Paul Donovan