

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

Sunday, June 7, 2009

## A Thought before the Service Begins

*“Do you know the difference between external beauty and what’s inside? Your unexpected thoughts, rich with thinking can be found among our past. It’s funny how you don’t know the importance of thought. What if you could have someone better do your thinking? Don’t do it. Resist the temptation. Think.”* (Anya Harter)

*(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.)*

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***Today’s worship service is the children’s gift to the congregation. To maintain a worshipful atmosphere, we ask that you hold any applause until the end of the service.***

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**Ringing of the Bell** Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

**Prelude** Seasons of Love (Jonathan Larson)  
&  
**Altar Creation** First Parish’s Church School Children

**Call to Worship** Calypso Chant (Turn the World Around)  
(Harry Belafonte) Children’s Choir

**Welcome and Announcements** Emma Hudson

**Passing the Peace** Kaitlin Meyer & Austin Barth

**\*Hymn** Peace Is Flowing Like a River (words on insert)

**Chalice Lighting** Brayden Woods

**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**

Anya Harter

**Sharing our Joys & Concerns**

Anya Harter & Austin Barth

*You are invited to come forward, place a stone in the water and briefly share a joy or sorrow that has touched your life.*

**\*Hymn** Des Colores

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**The Legend of the Colors**

Spirit Play 1 Class

**Our Seven Promises**

Spirit Play 2 Class

**Offertory** Sonatina 5, 3rd movement - Allegro di molto

(Muzio Clementi)

**\*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.

**Our Moral Compass**

The Inquirers Class

**Music as Spiritual Practice**

The Venturers Class

**The Quiltmaker’s Gift**

The Seers Class

**Leaving the Shore — Recognizing New Youth**

RE Committee, Youth Ministry Team, Denise Noble DRE

**Benediction & Closing Words**

Austin Barth

**\*Hymn** Lean on Me

(words on insert)

**Postlude** Sonatina 6, 1st movement - Allegro con spirito

(Muzio Clementi)

*(Service continues on back cover)*

*(Please remain seated during the Postlude. You are also invited to come to the side 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!*

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The flowers in church this morning are a gift from the RE Committee. Please take a flower home with you today.

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Greeters: June Johnson, Steve Lieman  
Ushers: Jenny Deenik, Jim Oehler  
Fellowship Hour Hosts: Marge and David Kimpton

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**Special thanks this morning to all those who participated in the service:**

Worship Leaders: The Seers Class  
Worship Coaches: Joanne Watson & Gerri Harter  
Worship Celebrants: The Church School Children  
*(Church school children's names listed by class on insert)*

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**THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON** was gathered as the town church in 1664. The congregation worships in its fourth Meeting House which was completed in 1755. A town clock and Revere-cast bell rings out our call to service every Sunday. The congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association, a liberal faith that affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every person; justice, equity, and compassion in human relations; acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth; a free and responsible search for truth and meaning; the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large; the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all; and respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

# Children's Worship Service

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**First Parish Church**  
Groton, Massachusetts