

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF GROTON

September 27, 2009

Ringing of the Bell Rebecca Pike, Bell-Ringer

A Thought as the Service Begins:

Far beyond ideas of wrong-doing and right-doing,
There is a field.
I'll meet you there. (Rumi)

*(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 Canon (F. Durante)

Call to Worship You That Have Faith Adult Choir
(Mark Gresham; words adapted from Owen Seaman)

Welcome and Announcements Ed McNierney, Worship Leader

***Hymn** Come, Come Whoever You Are #188

Chalice Lighting Barbara Rich

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 Story For the Child in Us All and Nature's Table

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.

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)

Anthem Bright Morning Star (traditional, arr. Squatrito)
Adult Choir

Spoken Prayer, followed by Silent Meditation

Offertory Largo (G.L. Gregori)

***Offertory Response** *(Words: Melinda Green; Music: Shawn McCann)*

We thank each other for these gifts
which makes our giving blessed;
We bless the works our gifts sustain
and pray they ripple outward.
With grace and generosity
we show our faith enacted.

Sermon Go Lightly Toward Light Rev. Elea Kemler

***Hymn** Break Not the Circle #323

*Sung Benediction

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

Postlude Fuguetta (G.F. Handel)

*(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, Assisted Listening Devices and crayons and paper
are available at the sanctuary doors.*

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*Join us downstairs for good food and conversation immediately
following the service!*

The flowers in church this morning are given in memory of
Sotiris Katsoulos, father of John Jackson's and Ellen Todd's
daughter-in-law.

Greeters: Dale Martin, Shirley Man

Ushers: Bob and Donna Nowak

Fellowship Hour Hosts: Board of Trustees (Karen Johnson, David
Kimpton and Allen King)